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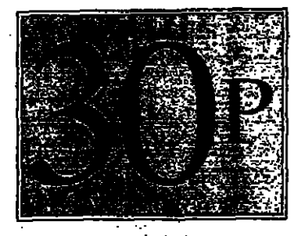
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## Smith turns up the heat

# Tories split in back-to-basics policy row

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

**■ Tory MPs return to Westminister tomorrow with the Prime Minister's back-to-basics policy in tatters and fresh doubts raised over his leadership**

JOHN Major was battling to justify his back-to-basics strategy yesterday as a clear split emerged in his party over whether the policy should be ditched in the light of further scandals involving senior Tories.

The Prime Minister came under renewed criticism for failing to clarify the policy to restore traditional values, which was launched last November in a bid to unite the party.

As MPs prepared to return to Westminster this week doubts were again raised over Mr Major's leadership, with Tories expressing concern over his handling of Tim Yeo's resignation and his muddled message on personal morality.

The Labour Party is expected to exploit Tory confusion in the Commons tomorrow. John Smith, the party Leader, claimed yesterday that the back-to-basics policy had "collapsed in its own contradictions".

The policy was left in further disarray by weekend revelations that Mr Yeo had fathered a second illegitimate child, before his marriage, and by the resignation of Alan Duncan as a parliamentary aide following disclosure of his cut-price purchase of a neighbour's council house. It suffered another setback when the wife of David Ashby, Tory MP for Leicestershire NW, claimed that he had left her because of a friendship with another man.

To add to the Government's discomfort, the prospect was raised yesterday of the possible deselection of Steven Norris, the transport minister, who had a string of highly publicised extra-marital affairs. Mr Norris has the strong backing of his local Conservative association chairman but his reselection as candidate for Epping Forest does not appear automatic. John Padfield, a Tory councillor for Epping, said: "Mr Norris's position is on the line and further consideration is going to be given to it."

In a wide-ranging interview yesterday, Mr Major accused people of "dancing on a pin" by concentrating on a tiny part of the philosophy to return to core values. "The policy remains just as important as it was, just as relevant as it was, just as secure as it was. We are not going to change this policy." He said that he was not in the business of witch-hunts and did not seek to preach morality, but people "need to set high standards where they can". Those who had behaved badly should not remain in office, but "silly indiscretions" should be tolerated.

MPs were mystified yesterday into which category Mr Major would put the latest revelation that Mr Yeo, who resigned as environment minister last week, had fathered two illegitimate children. Mr Yeo was coming under increasing pressure within his constituency yesterday to stand down early as an MP, which could force a damaging by-election in the next few months.

Speaking on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*, Mr Major said: "Where people behave patently badly it is perfectly proper they should not remain in a public position.

"But where people commit an indiscretion, I think among the basic instincts the British have, tolerance and understanding rank high among them. I think you will find tolerance and understanding is something that will often be extended to people who behave foolishly."

Mr Smith accused the Prime Minister and his colleagues of setting out a moralising stall at the Tory Party conference in Blackpool. "They are now seeking to abandon that, but all the quotes and speeches are there on the record — and it just won't wash."

The Labour Party also increased the pressure on Mr Duncan, the MP for Rutland and Melton, who stepped down on Saturday as a parliamentary private secretary for Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, after 17 days in the post. He was alleged to have made a big profit by buying a cut-price council house next door to his home in Westminster.

Mr Duncan, who is skiing in Davos, Switzerland, denied Labour claims yesterday that he had "unscrupulously exploited" the Government's right-to-buy legislation. "Westminster council has made clear there is no question of any impropriety or anything illegal in the transaction I entered into."

Jack Straw, the shadow environment secretary, said

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JACKY MAEGLEN/REUTER

President Clinton quenching his thirst with water from a bottle as he waited for his motorcade to move off from Brussels airport yesterday

# Clinton gives security pledge to Europe

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL EVANS

PRESIDENT Clinton used his first official speech on European soil last night to restate in the strongest terms America's commitment to Europe's security and stability.

After arriving in Brussels for the two-day Nato summit meeting, however, he insisted the way to achieve that was no longer through military strength alone but through a new collective determination to foster democracy and free market economies throughout the former Soviet bloc. Russia, Eastern Europe's fragile new democracies and almost all the newly-liberated communist states were at present engaged in a "race between rejuvenation and despair". He described it as a battle between the "heirs of enlightenment" and "the grim pretenders to tyranny's dark throne" which would be resolved in the coming months and years.

Mr Clinton's remarks were seen as a thinly veiled attack on Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the extreme nationalist whose party made big gains in the Russian elections last month. In a stirring address to 250 young Europeans, he said it would be a battle won not on Europe's plains and beaches, as in earlier challenges, but in its parliaments and city councils, in the offices and factories of its new democracies, and in the hearts and minds of its people.

"I want you to know that the US stands by you in that battle, as we have in the other battles of the 20th century," he proclaimed. "America's commitment to Europe's safety and stability remains as strong as ever." He ruled out any immediate expansion of Nato. However, he portrayed his *Partnership for Peace* proposal, to be endorsed today at the Nato meeting, as a "process of evolution for Nato's formal enlargement".

As Mr Clinton and other Nato leaders gathered in Brussels for the start of today's summit, Slovakia became the first Eastern European country to announce it would sign up to the proposed *Partnership for Peace*, which will offer closer military ties with the alliance. Casting a shadow over the meeting, there were growing signs yesterday that Nato leaders might resort to air strikes to counter the renewed Bosnian Serb artillery attacks on Sarajevo.

After meeting Mr Clinton in Brussels, Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian prime minister, issued a warning that it was time to send a signal to the Serbs that the West was taking a tougher line. His remark was backed by General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In another development which bodes well for Mr Clinton's trip to Moscow, it emerged yesterday that Ukraine is close to agreeing a deal with Russia and the US to dismantle its nuclear arsenal.


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# Journalist dies in hail of Zulu fire

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A JOURNALIST was shot dead and at least seven other people, including three more journalists, two women and a child, were injured in a hail of gunfire from a Zulu workers' hostel as African National Congress leaders yesterday led a "peace mission" through black townships near Johannesburg.

The attack, at Katlehong, came as Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC's secretary-general, and Joe Slovo, chairman of the South African Communist Party, were visiting the devastated area around the Mazibuko hostel, a stronghold of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party.

Abdul Sharif, a freelance journalist working for Associated Press and a Johannesburg daily newspaper, was killed as the two ANC leaders were dragged under cover by their bodyguards. Young members of the township's self-defence unit and bodyguards returned the fire as the crowd scattered and took shelter behind the walls of abandoned homes near the hostel.

Last night journalists and the ANC strongly criticised the police. At a stormy news conference called by the police in Johannesburg, journalists said they had not seen a single policeman in the area when the shooting broke out, even though a police helicopter was hovering near by.

At the conference Brigadier Zirk Gouws said that two men, both armed with AK47 assault rifles, had been arrested and another gunman had been killed.


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# Cost of flooding could top £100m

BY KATE ALDERSON

FLOOD damage in southern England could top £100 million, according to a leading loss assessor who spent the weekend in a helicopter surveying the tracts of waterlogged areas. Forecasters predict that heavy rain will continue across Britain for much of this week, bringing more misery to thousands of homeowners and businesses.

The National Rivers Authority gave a warning that with 131 rivers "full to the brim", more heavy rain could seriously endanger transport, business and farming in areas not yet affected.

The rains are now in their sixth week, but there are hopes that the weekend will bring a respite. In recent days, mainly in southern England, rivers have burst their banks in villages and towns, low-lying land has been flooded and streets have been submerged. Almost 60,000 claims for damage have been lodged so far.

Justin Balcombe, director of the firm of loss assessors which has been surveying southern England, said last night: "Our team has just finished the latest assessment, and flooding is 1ft higher in some areas than they had recorded a few days ago. Roads are crumbling. It's a mess. We would have to put the estimate of damage close to £100 million, which includes the insured and uninsured."

The Association of British Insurers, which had previously assessed the cost of the damage at between £40 million and £60 million, said yesterday that it stood by the

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# Women 'are safer at the wheel'

WOMEN are better drivers than men, but both sexes overestimate their driving skills, according to a survey today (Tim Jones writes). Nearly all the drivers questioned by Gallup for the BBC programme *Watchdog Special* thought they were good drivers, but only three passed when they were retested.

An RAC spokesman said the survey reinforced the need for insurance companies to offer reduced premiums to some women drivers. Statistics show that women up to the age of 30 are much less likely to have an accident than a man in the same age group.

More than 40 per cent of men admit driving while in danger of falling asleep, compared with 20 per cent of women. Men were also twice as likely to drive too close to the vehicle in front or to read a map while driving.

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# Appeal to the top goes beyond Archers' script

BY JOE JOSEPH

THE imaginative scriptwriters on *The Archers*' payroll must be feeling outplotted by speculation that Michael Howard might join the cast in his real-life role of Home Secretary to review the controversial jailing of Susan Carter.

This possibility of fact seeping into BBC radio fiction grew over the weekend after Jenny Webb, the adult education lecturer from Lydd, Kent, leading the campaign to free the Ambridge One, attended her MP's surgery to seek his help in restoring Carter's freedom. Mrs Webb's MP is Michael Howard.

Mr Howard — just back from the United States, where he visited prisons whose inmates suffer more harrowing fates than being imprisoned by an imaginary Borsetshire Crown Court judge — told Mrs Webb he was an *Archers* fan himself. He backed the campaign to free Carter, a mother of two sent down for six months just before Christmas for helping her brother to evade police after his alleged part in an armed robbery.

He also assured Mrs Webb that he would do what he could to secure Carter's release. This pledge from the Cabinet's law-and-order cheerleader has given campaigners hope that he might join Princess Margaret, Terry Wogan, Dame Edna Everage and Britt Ekland in making a guest appearance in Ambridge.

Mrs Webb said yesterday: "I said, 'I'm here for a rather silly reason', and he said, 'I think I know what it is, and I thoroughly agree with you'. In real life, he said, no judge would send a woman with two young children to prison for six months just before Christmas.

"I told him that if he intervened he might get a chance to go on the programme. He said he would respond to a letter I sent him. Susan's not likely to re-offend; I mean, it's not as if she planned her crime. Our campaign started as a fun thing, but it is a serious issue. Women do get harder sentences than men."

The BBC's excitement at such a star guest is tempered by its reluctance to have doubt cast on its legal homework. "Our storyline was meticulously researched," a BBC man said yesterday. "We took soundings from the Criminal Division of the Law Society. They were very closely involved in the research."

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Charlotte Martin, the voice of Susan Carter

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Disgraced MP may be forced to go immediately

# Tories want Yeo out after news of 1960s love-child

BY ANDREW PIERCE

TIM Yeo may be forced to resign from Parliament before the next election, and create a potentially embarrassing by-election, after the revelation that he has fathered a child outside marriage in the 1960s.

An emergency meeting of the Conservative Party executive was held on Saturday night to discuss the latest controversy to engulf his once-safe Tory seat. Tory activists in Suffolk South said they were angered and shocked by the disclosure that he had a 26-year-old daughter who was adopted at birth.

By yesterday lunchtime senior constituency officials were talking publicly of forcing Mr Yeo, who has been summoned to an extraordinary meeting of the association on Friday, to resign without delay. Many Tory activists approached by *The Times* yesterday said that the loss of the seat at the by-election was a price worth paying.

Associations cannot force their MP to go but if the pressure became so great Mr Yeo would be expected to do the honourable thing. Tony Bailey-Smith, leader of the Tory group on Babergh District Council, said: "No one wants a by-election. But if we are going to have it we might just as well get it out of the way now."

Mr Bailey-Smith, an influential local Tory, said that supporters were a loyal bunch but the MP had broken the "back-to-basics" pledge. "Last week I said he was on probation. This has not done his probation period any good at all."

Many members said that if they had known about the adopted child at the selection meeting in 1983 Mr Yeo would probably not have been picked. John Ward, chairman of Withersfield Conservative Association, said: "Mr Yeo's admission is a major shock. We feel we have just got over one episode and now we have been hit by another. Last week the view of our members was that he should resign as minister but they were happy for him to continue as our MP. I believe they may have a different attitude now."

The eight executive officials were warned by Mr Yeo on Saturday that he had made the admission in an interview in *The Mail on Sunday*. They spent an hour discussing the implications at the home of Patricia FitzPatrick, the constituency chairman, in Stratford St Mary, two miles from the MP's home at East Bergholt. Mrs FitzPatrick was making no comment at her home yesterday.

No mention was made of the Yeo affair at the morning service in 14th-century St Mary the Virgin Church in East Bergholt. But prayers were said as usual for his partly paralysed daughter, Emily, 21, and son Jonathan, 23, who has Hodgkin's disease, a form of lymph cancer.

But there was little comfort for the former minister from the rector, the Rev John Druce, who told reporters afterwards: "Those who occupy high office and who take a moral stand should reflect on the way they live. I speak for the whole village when I say that everyone is disappointed and we have every sympathy with Mr Yeo's family. His wife is a wonderful woman and even though they don't spend much time in the village, we sometimes see her in church. He has been straightforward about what happened but there is still a feeling that he won't be standing as MP for this constituency at the next election."

## Majority doubtful of Tories' morals

BY NIGEL HAWKES AND JOHN VINCENT

CONSERVATIVE claims to be the party of family values appear to carry little conviction with the public, according to a survey published today.

Just 9 per cent of 548 parents questioned by Gallup for *She* magazine rated the Prime Minister as the best example of a public figure who upholds family values, compared with 16 per cent for John Smith, the Labour Leader.

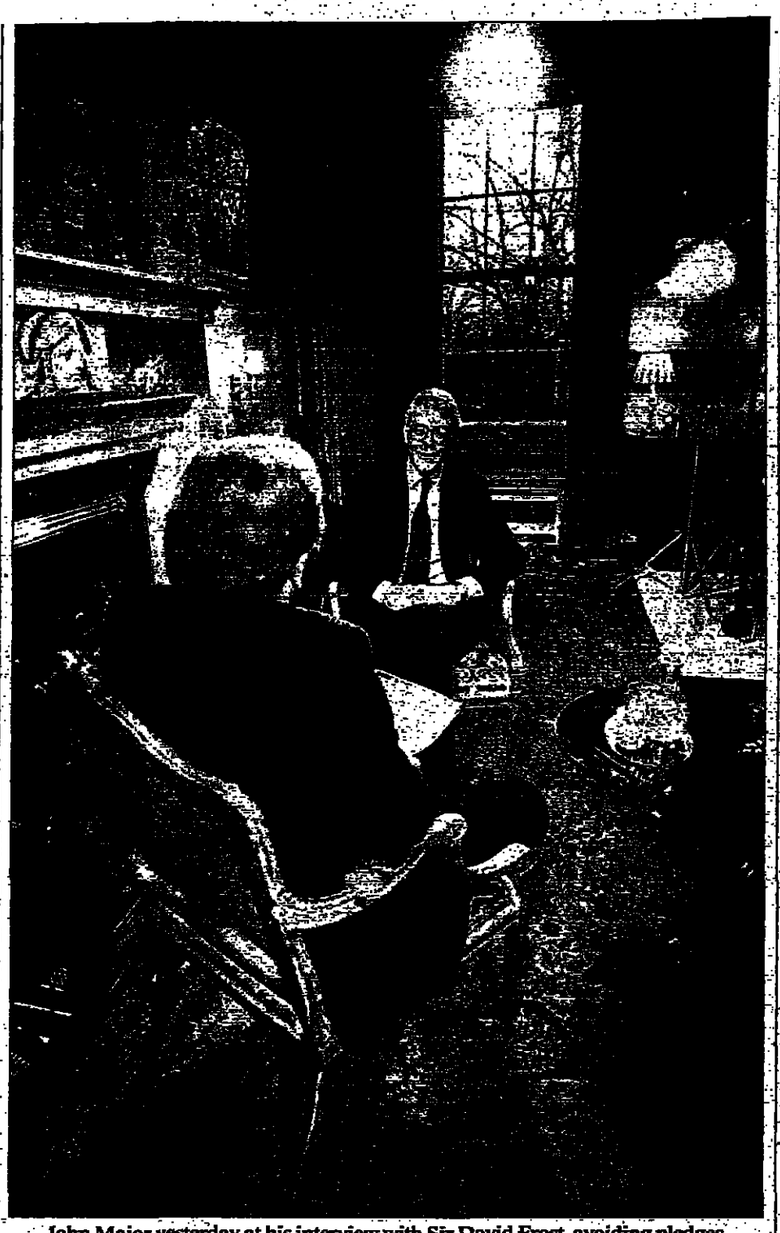
Government attitudes towards single parents also failed to find favour, with half of those questioned believing that a lone parent could raise a child as well as a married couple. Only 15 per cent thought that single parents were more likely to raise delinquent children, and just a quarter thought marriage was very important, compared with nearly 50 per cent in a similar poll in 1991.

More than half of 809 adults questioned by Mori for the *News of the World* yesterday doubted that the Conservatives backed family values; 38 per cent agreed that they did.

More than 60 per cent said newspapers had been right to publicise Tim Yeo's affair.

A survey of 427 16- to 19-year-olds, conducted by Mori last month for *Reader's Digest*, found that nearly 75 per cent of the boys supported the traditional two-parent family. But less than half (47 per cent) of the girls agreed, with almost a third believing that single-parent families were better.

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John Major yesterday at his interview with Sir David Frost, avoiding pledges

## Major's rebuff to Adams upsets Dublin

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

SIGNS of a rift between London and Dublin over the Ulster peace initiative were highlighted yesterday when John Major categorically rejected Sinn Fein's demand for clarification of the Anglo-Irish declaration.

Irish officials tried to play down the differences by underlining positive comments by Mr Major on Sinn Fein's role in constitutional talks if they renounce violence.

However, the Prime Minister's hardline remarks on clarification caused unease in Dublin where one Fianna Fail MP, who reflects government thinking, called on London to clarify the declaration. Dermot Ahern, who is co-chairman of the British Irish Inter-Parliamentary Union, also said that Mr Major should be more positive in his approach to nationalists.

The Prime Minister said on BBC1 *Breakfast with Frost* yesterday that clarifying the declaration of December 15 before a permanent IRA ceasefire would drag the Government into negotiations by the back door. Mr Major said: "What is presently going on is that they are seeking to muddy the issue, they are seeking to enter into negotiations effectively without giving up violence. Well, that isn't on offer."

He added that he was prepared to be "patient for a little while" to allow Sinn Fein to work out its response to the declaration. If the IRA agreed to end their violence Sinn Fein could then enter exploratory talks, Mr Major said.

"Those exploratory talks will cover a range of things," the Prime Minister said. "But they will also be about how to get Sinn Fein into the main constitutional talks."

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein President, accused Mr Major of being "deliberately dishonest" in shifting the onus on to Sinn Fein. "His refusal to recognise the legitimacy of the Sinn Fein vote and the need for clarification . . . a clear indication that he has no real commitment to building the peace process," Mr Adams said.

One Fianna Fail MP close to Albert Reynolds said Mr Major should clarify the declaration, and called on London to be more positive in its approach to nationalists. Dermot Ahern said: "The fact of the matter is that Mr Major and his Government should not primarily care about the people who care about the union, they should be concerned about all the people on the island."

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# Hogg blamed for faltering crusade

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AS John Major sought to redefine yet again his back-to-basics policy yesterday, senior Tory MPs poured scorn on the architects of the faltering crusade.

The target of their anger was Sarah Hogg, the head of Downing Street's policy unit, who wrote the draft that was presented to Cabinet ministers on the day Mr Major addressed the Tory Party conference. Mrs Hogg had spent weeks refining the policy that she hoped would unite the party divided over the Maastricht treaty.

MPs on the party's right and left argued yesterday that the confusion over the meaning of back to basics underlined once again the weakness of Mr Major's "kitchen cabinet". Peter Temple-Morris, a senior backbench MP, said: "It has been clear for a long time that the Prime Minister does very seriously need better back-up at 10 Downing Street. The way back to basics and Tim Yeo has been handled is a good example of what is wrong at No 10. Once public morality has been put into party policy, and presented as such at the party conference, ministers have to live by it."

As Mr Major floundered for an issue to unite the party after Maastricht, the policy unit provided back to basics. Tory officials talked about the permissive society and how the party wanted to return to the more stable moral values of the 1950s.



Hogg: hoped policy would reunite Tories

Mrs Hogg took advice from the right-wing think tanks and ignored the leaked Cabinet document that cast doubt on the link between crime and one-parent families and under-achievement.

Sir Richard Body, one of the Tories' Maastricht rebels, said that the policy unit's devotion to sound-bite politics had created the shambles. Sir Richard said: "John Major has no great philosophy of his own and is surrounded by people of the same calibre. The result is a mishmash of policies. They merely construct and present views which they think will go down well with the public. It is a dangerous strategy. It assumes that the Prime Minister is in tune with what the public wants and leads to policies which few people in government have any great enthusiasm for."

Senior Tories privately criticised the name of the policy. One said: "We were appalled that a major new policy was going 'backwards'."

The first inkling of the move towards a moral crusade came in April 1992 when John Patten, in an article in *The Spectator*, argued that the decline in religious belief was contributing to rising crime.

There was a further indication last April when Peter Lilley invited Madsen Pirie, head of the right-wing Adam Smith Institute, to a summit at Chevening, Kent. It was the first indication that the Social Security Secretary was operating independently of Mr Major in setting the tone of debate on the welfare system.

# Major regrets Tory election promise to reduce taxes

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major expressed his regret yesterday that the Tories had raised taxes in the last two Budgets.

The Prime Minister, who has been accused by Labour and the Liberal Democrats of breaking the Tories' election pledges, said that he wished the party had not fought the 1992 general election on a platform of lower taxes.

It was never his intention to put up taxes but the Government had been forced to because of the recession, he said. "I did not expect that we would have to put up taxes. If I had thought that, I would have indicated the reverse," he said on BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost*.

Mr Major said he still held out hopes for lower direct taxes but he steered clear of pledges. In future elections, he said, the party would not be boxed into similar commitments that it would be unable to keep. The next election manifesto would make clear that it was subject to external events.

Mr Major held out little likelihood of imminent cuts in interest rates, making it clear that his priority was to keep inflation down. He predicted a growth rate of 2.5 to 3 per cent this year, with similar or higher growth the year after.

The Prime Minister predicted that the trend in unemployment would continue to go down, although there could be single months when it went up.

Mr Major insisted that the Conservatives would pick up votes in the European elections by campaigning on a much more "Eurosceptic" ticket than either the Labour party or the Liberal Democrats. The British people "do not want us to become part of a centralised superstate from Brussels. The Labour Party does and the Liberal Democrats do. We will campaign upon that distinction," he said.

☐ John Smith, the Labour Leader, yesterday launched his most savage attack on the Government, denouncing it as one of the most bungling and incompetent there had ever been. There were no limits to its hypocrisy, he said.

He was scathing about John Major's back-to-basics policy: "You get a different formulation each time you hear it explained, because of the great contradictions between what was said at the Tory conference and what they are saying now," he said on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*.


# How Far Away is Summer?



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## Tory MPs divided on morality campaign

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that a "very large question" remained unanswered about the "wider propriety" of the deal. He urged Mr Duncan to publish all the documents he possessed in relation to it.

Critics within the Tory Party claimed that Mr Major's failure to convey a clear message on morality was undermining his leadership. Sir Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, said that it was highly dangerous for any party to adopt a moral perspective. "People, particularly the British, dislike being preached at," he told BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*. Mr Major's distinction between silly indiscretion and bad behaviour was a "very difficult distinction to make".

John Carlisle, Tory MP for Luton North, said the Prime Minister should have made clear that Mr Yeo's behaviour was not acceptable. "It was a muddled message. He should have said that Mr Yeo had set a bad example."

Mr Major's handling of the events had set the party back again, Mr Carlisle said. "It again leaves question marks over his leadership when we hoped that particular bogey had been laid to rest after the party conference and the declaration on Ireland."

Another Tory backbencher from the left of the party said that Mr Major's early defence of Mr Yeo had put the question of his leadership back on the agenda.

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## Bed figures show NHS 'slowly being whittled away'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TOTAL of 10,637 beds in NHS hospitals and trusts have been lost in just one year in England, demonstrating that the service is "slowly being whittled away", David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, claimed yesterday.

He said Department of Health figures showed this brought the total of beds lost to 120,000 since 1981 – a decrease of 34 per cent. But Dr Brian Mawhinney, health minister, insisted the number of beds was not related to the number of patients treated which, he claimed, was increasing.

Mr Blunkett said the bed figures "confirm what we all suspected" and that South West Thames region had suffered the largest loss of beds over the period. "The NHS is slowly being whittled away. We now know why patients have to wait so long for treatment or on trolleys in the corridors of hospitals.

"From Newcastle to London to Crewkerne beds are being axed against the wishes of the community. The NHS is under threat up and down the country. When is Virginia Bottomley going to provide for the million people on the waiting list?"

Dr Mawhinney said Mr Blunkett continued to make the same mistake of equating the number of beds in the NHS with the numbers of people treated: "There is no such correlation, as he should know by now."

He said the length of time a patient remained in hospital was falling all the time; the number of patients being treated as day patients was rapidly increasing, thanks to new medical and surgical techniques; and many GPs were now carrying out minor surgical procedures. "The Government is concerned with patients, Labour is concerned with beds," he said.

Mrs Bottomley, in a new year message to staff, also stressed that the NHS should be judged by how it improved patient care, not by the number of beds. This meant continuing the potential of day surgery and treating people in the community.



Blunkett: "confirms what we expected"

☐ These figures give Labour's assessment of the number of beds available daily and, in brackets, the number lost in 1991-92: Northern: 18,704 (296); Yorkshire 18,583 (417); Trent 20,869 (1,131); East Anglian 9,944 (56); NW Thames 16,307 (693); NE Thames 18,348 (652); SE Thames 15,273 (727); SW Thames 15,287 (1,713); Wessex 13,232 (768); Oxford 9,313 (687); South-Western 15,851 (1,149); West Midlands 23,445 (1,555); Mersey 11,552 (448); North-Western 22,150 (850).

## Mother fears kidnap boy scarred for life

Oliver Malkin, who was kidnapped by his father and taken abroad, will probably be "scarred for life" by the ordeal, his mother said yesterday. Oliver, 12, is now back with his mother at home in Brittany, France, after two months with his father Peter Malkin.

Malkin, 54, was jailed for 18 months on Friday after abducting Oliver for the third time in November, and taking him to Egypt. Elisa Pridmore, speaking on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost*, said: "I think he will be scarred for life because of what's happened to him. He will always find it difficult to trust people and we are doing as much as we can to help him. He will probably have to see counsellors. He has been through an awful lot over six years."

## Missing boys in Florida

A woman whose sons are missing after spending the new year with her former partner in London claimed yesterday that he had taken them to Florida. Nicola Saunders, of Cardiff, said that Ian Sharp had taken Andrew, 8, and Sam, 6, to Disney World. Police were called after the boys failed to return to their mother last Monday.

## Two die in aircraft crash

Civil Aviation Authority investigators began an enquiry yesterday after two men died when their light aircraft crashed on a Shropshire hillside. The four-seater hit a crag near the summit of the 1,334ft The Wrekin. RAF mountain rescue teams recovered the bodies of the pilot, a businessman in his mid-40s from Powys, and his passenger.

## Submariner burned

A junior rating on a nuclear submarine was recovering from burns in hospital yesterday after being scalded with boiling water during maintenance work at the Devonport naval base in Plymouth. Stephen Barnes, a weapons engineering mechanic, received 40 per cent burns when a coolant pipe burst on board HMS *Tireless*, a hunter killer submarine.

## Crown Jewels moved

Part of the Tower of London was sealed off yesterday as the Crown Jewels were moved from a bunker 60ft below ground to bomb-proof cases in the new Jewel House on the ground floor. The move is to cater for a growing number of visitors and to improve access for the disabled and elderly. The jewels will be back on display from March 24.

Police fear drivers were racing

# Teenager dies after being mown down by hit-and-run cars

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A TEENAGER walking arm-in-arm with his girl friend on their way home from a wedding died after being struck twice by hit-and-run drivers early yesterday.

The drivers, who are believed to have been racing each other, were travelling at high speed along a country lane in an area known for joyriders.

Ian Langley, 19, was walking home with Susie Wilkinson, 18, at about 1.30am after a day spent celebrating a friend's wedding. He was hit by a red saloon, sent spinning through the air, and hit again almost instantly by a second car. Miss Wilkinson was flung on to the pavement.

Both cars sped away without stopping, leaving Mr Langley lying 500 yards from the village hall where the wedding had taken place at Shepherdswell, near Dover, Kent.

Miss Wilkinson, who suffered cuts and bruises, raised the alarm. Mr Langley was unconscious when paramedics arrived. He was revived before being taken to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, but died 90 minutes later. Ms Wilkinson was treated for shock.

The incident happened as the couple were walking from the centre of Shepherdswell towards the A2. The police, who are investigating the possibility of murder, began a hunt for the two drivers. The first was believed to have been driving a red saloon car of similar size to a Ford Escort or Vauxhall Cavalier. The details of the second vehicle are not known, but both are believed to have been damaged in the collisions.

Det Insp David Ross, who is leading the investigation, said: "The victim was hit from behind by the cars which were driving very fast and close together. The man was sent spinning to the side of the road and the woman was hit either by him or caught by the wing mirror of one of the cars.

"We do not know if they were joyriders but this has not been ruled out."

Insp Roy Farley said: "We have no real idea of what speeds they were reaching but witnesses have told us it could have been at least 70mph. We are keeping our options open but because these two cars did not stop we have to look at the possibility that this could have been murder."

Villagers were shocked in the aftermath of the deaths. Velda Hawkins, who is the mother of the bridegroom and runs the Bricklayers pub where Mr Langley was a regular customer, described Mr Langley, who worked for a freight-forwarding firm in Dover, as "a lovely lad, very quiet and unassuming". She said that his death "cast a shadow over my son's wedding day".

She said that the road where the couple were hit was used frequently by joyriders. "The pub is very close to a sharp corner so we get used to hearing tyres screeching because people use as it a short cut to the A2."

The police think the accident was not witnessed by any of the other guests, most of whom had already left the reception to go to another party.

The victim's parents, Gerald and Kath Langley, were being comforted at home yesterday. Their son Alan pleaded for information to identify the drivers, saying: "My brother was killed needlessly. The police are investigating this despicable incident but I would appeal on behalf of myself and my heartbroken family for any witnesses to come forward."

Two men were being questioned last night at Dover police station.

CHRIS HARRIS



A windsurfer finds the going easy on a waterlogged stretch of the A27 at Chichester, which is the worst affected by the floods

## No let-up as more rain is forecast

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accuracy of its estimate. Mr Balcombe, whose company is flying representatives to Sydney later this week to assess the damage from bush fires there, said that premiums could rise as a result of the floods. "People are only just beginning to assess their loss and make their claims," he said. Almost 130 flood warnings are still in place, three of them on red alert. The rivers authority said that Chichester, West Sussex, was worst affected, after the Lavant burst its banks in the worst flooding in 50 years. A snow thaw last night threatened to cut off the town, and workers were sandbagging the sides of the A259 Chichester-Bognor Regis road to keep it open. Alternative routes to the A27, which is closed, were flooded. The other two red alert areas cover the River Hiz in Bedford and the River Ouse at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire.

The rivers authority yesterday predicted that there was more bad weather to come, and although river levels had fallen in many areas after a relatively dry night, heavy rain due to sweep across from the west today could bring further flooding. Rain is forecast to continue.

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# Identity mix-up over captive Briton

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A MAN who believed his brother had been kidnapped by Yemeni tribesmen was a victim of mistaken identity.

Ken Jackson, 49, telephoned the Foreign Office after learning of the capture of a Peter Jackson in a radio news broadcast, and was given what he took as confirmation that the hostage was his brother.

In fact, Mr Jackson's brother, who is 45 and lives with his wife Shirley in York, is safe and well in Damascus.

The Peter Jackson taken hostage by armed tribesmen is aged 49 and has a wife, Valerie, who lives in the Yemen capital of San'a.

Ken Jackson, a lecturer at the University of Northumbria in Carlisle, was furious after discovering the mix-up. "We have been through hell because of pure incompetence," he said.

The Foreign Office said: "There has obviously been some confusion and we are looking into it. It is a strange coincidence that there are two Peter Jacksons working for oil companies in the Middle East. We are sorry for the distress caused to the family."

The hostage, a pipeline manager from Exeter, was seized by tribesmen last Monday after an explosion near a new pipeline following a disagreement over trees felled. A Canadian was also captured.

Mr Jackson looked tired and drawn in an interview for television. He said: "I just want to reassure my family in San'a and also my family in the UK that we are both being treated very well and have no complaints."

# Crossed skis save clergyman trapped on mountainside

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CROSS made from two skis saved the life of a church minister buried under snow on a Scottish mountain yesterday.

The crossed skis jammed in the snow — a standard distress signal — led rescuers to where the Rev Robert Anderson, 36, had dug a snow-hole to survive the night after getting lost on a skiing trip on Glen Coe in the Highlands.

As he recovered in Belford Hospital, Fort William, last night, he told how he got the idea of digging a survival hole from media coverage of climbing accidents. He sang pop songs by Leonard Cohen to keep up his spirits through his 15 hours in the tomb-like hole.

Recovering from mild hypothermia, he said: "When I was digging the hole with my skis, it was like digging my own grave. And when I put up the skis, I remember thinking it was like putting up my own headstone."

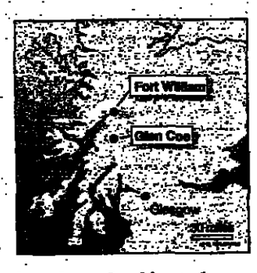
The hole took an hour to dig. "I got in and pulled the snow over me, leaving a hole to leave my nose and eyes exposed. I was on my back, lying up slightly — a bit like reading in bed."

He said the cross had no religious significance, "it is simply that it is the internationally recognised symbol".

Mr Anderson, a father-of-three, from Doune, Central Region, said that he had set off skiing at noon on Saturday on the White Corries slopes near Glen Coe. He had taken a ski-lift 3,400ft to the top, but coming down had lost his way in thick mist.

Instead of staying put, he carried on skiing until the slope became too steep, forcing him to try to retrace his tracks and head for the top again. By the time he reached the top, he had been on the mountain for five hours, light was fading, and he was becoming exhausted, so he decided to stop before dark and dig a snow-hole.

He said that once in, he was afraid of falling asleep but had eventually passed out at about 4am. Four hours later, he woke up to find more snow had fallen, blocking the ventilation holes. He dug with his hands and chin to give himself more room and open up the holes again. "About an hour later, the ski patrol came by and saw the crossed skis and dug me out. It was wonderful," he said.




He believed he had made two mistakes: going skiing alone in the first place and then, once lost, not staying put until he regained his bearings.

The search for Mr Anderson involved 50 people from three rescue teams organised by police at Fort William.

Mr Anderson heads an ecumenical aid organisation, Scottish Churches World Exchange, which sends volunteers worldwide from its Edinburgh headquarters.

# Charges call after US killing

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

RELATIVES of the Scot shot dead in Houston, Texas, after being mistaken for a burglar last Friday are to press for charges against his killer.

Andrew De Vries, 28, was shot as he knocked on doors in a city suburb trying to get help calling a taxi. It emerged yesterday that Mr De Vries' died in a street where intruders have in the past battered down doors to gain entry. Photographs from the scene suggested he was shot through a glass-plate door and that his killer would have known he was not armed.

Mr De Vries, whose body is due to be flown home to Dundee tomorrow, had been in Houston with Sydney Graves, also from Scotland.

Mr De Vries, who was an electronics engineer employed by Nowsco, the Aberdeen-based oil company, had been attending a training course.



De Vries: shot dead while seeking help

His family were last night considering what action to take as Mr De Vries' mother, Fiona, arrived in Dundee from her home in Brazil. His sister Lindsay said: "We are going to press for charges to be brought against the man and we will be going all-out.

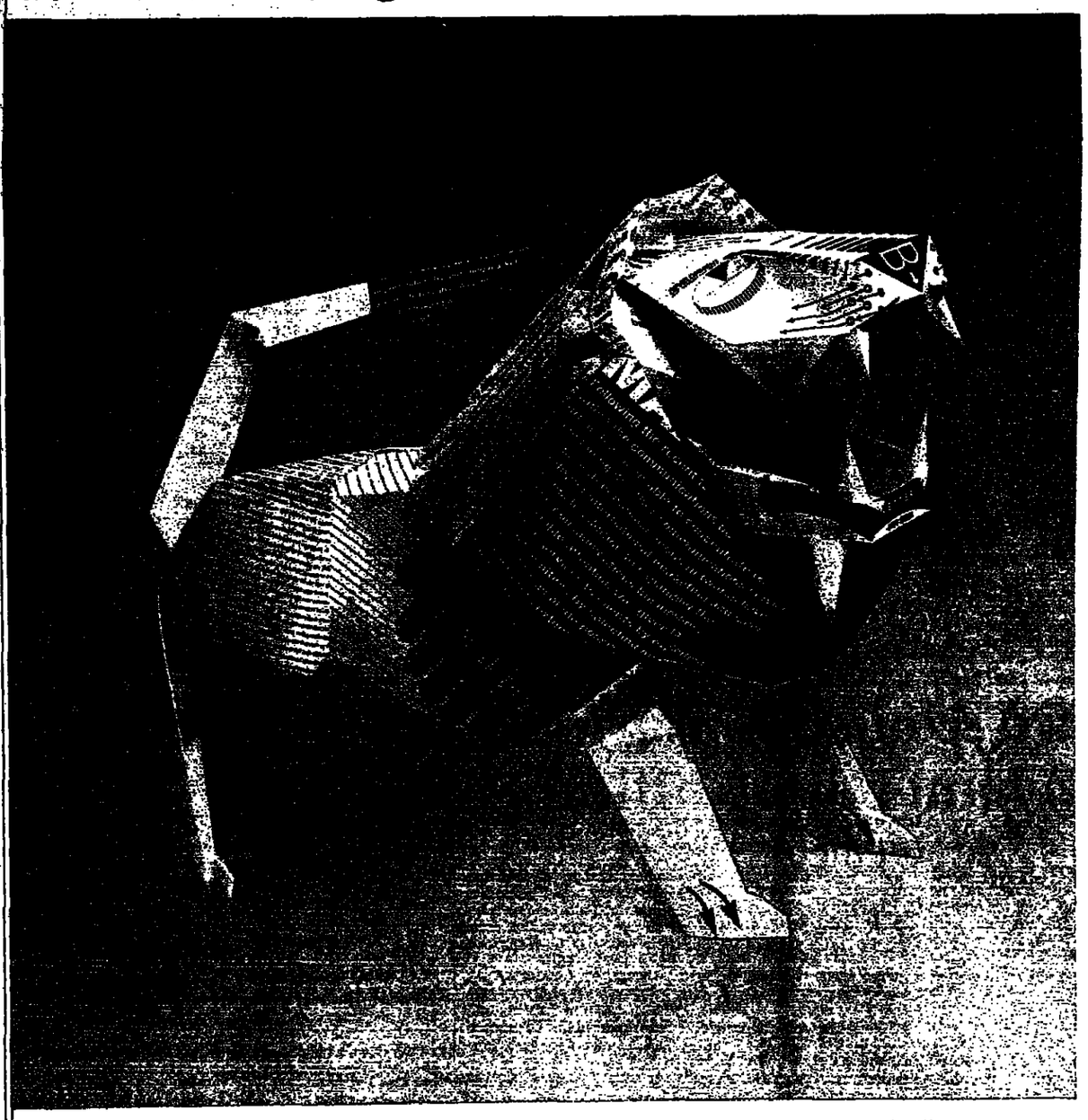
"We are absolutely outraged that it was a glass door and there also seems to be an outside light. My brother must have been visible and the man must have seen he wasn't carrying a gun or a knife, that he was just knocking.

"My brother and his companion were not acting like burglars. They were deliberately drawing attention to themselves, and they must have been visible."

Mr De Vries' uncle, Ian McKenna, said a member of the family might go to Houston. "We will be consulting with Andrew's widow and his employers before deciding exactly what we will do."

He said the family believed Mr De Vries had died needlessly at the hands of a trigger-happy homeowner and were angry that "police had implied" that his killer was justified in opening fire. They are also upset that police in Houston have not contacted them direct.

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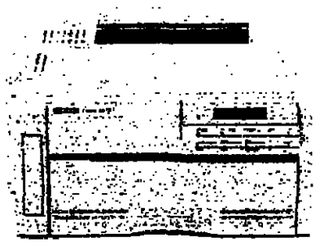
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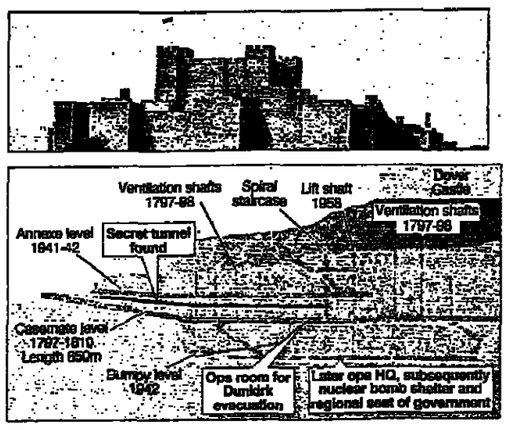
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# White cliffs' abandoned tunnels hold clue to wartime cover-up




BY JOHN YOUNG

A COMPLEX of tunnels in the cliffs beneath Dover castle may soon yield its secrets.

The tunnels were excavated in 1941 to accommodate a wartime combined operations headquarters secure from enemy bombs. But within months they were abandoned and sealed because of subsidence. Their existence was not disclosed to English Heritage when it took over the management of Dover castle in 1986. It came to light four years later in a letter from a former sergeant-major in the Royal Engineers, Thomas Grove, who was stationed at the castle during the war.

Tunnels were originally built at a lower level during the Napoleonic wars as observation posts and gun emplacements. They were used in 1940 as an operations room to oversee the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk.

A frequent visitor was Sir Winston Churchill, who liked to observe the coast of occupied France. The tunnels were opened to the public in 1990, to mark the 50th anniversary of Dunkirk, and attract more than 200,000 visitors a year.

Work began on excavating tunnels at two higher levels in 1941. The top floor became an emergency hospital and dressing station called Annexe, but Bastion, on the next level down, intended as a "combined ops HQ" was abandoned.

The Napoleonic tunnels, by then codenamed Casemate, remained intact. In 1942, a new complex was excavated at a lower level. Dumpy, which after the war became a nuclear shelter and one of several emergency regional seats of government (RSGs), whose existence was not exposed until the 1960s. Two still deeper tunnels, Esplanade and Foundation, were planned but never built.

The secrecy surrounding Bastion was partly due to official concern that the existence of RSGs should not be made public. But it was probably also an attempt to suppress the story of a disastrous miscalculation over the extent of the subsidence.

In 1958, Mr Grove was recalled to Dover to make a final inspection of the Bastion tunnels. He and a colleague, Arthur Jackson, a former technical sergeant, were able to crawl into the workings through a telephone cable access. "As the deterioration was so severe in parts, the decision was taken to simply forget about it altogether," he wrote. "Following our visit the cable access was then sealed with concrete. Obviously at the time of building Bastion, the cost of the mistake had been rather embarrassing."

In 1970, he completed a book on the history of the tunnels, with photographs and detailed plans. But, when he submitted the manuscript to the Ministry of Defence it was refused publication on the ground that it covered an installation still in use and therefore contravened the Official Secrets Act. The entrance is now blocked by brick walls and chalk infill, but Ken Scott, general manager of the castle, said yesterday that he hoped to gain access through a ventilation shaft. But, in view of the dangers that caused the closure, it was highly unlikely that the tunnels would ever be opened to the public.

He declined to comment on speculation that builders might have been trapped in the workings when the subsidence occurred. "We have no idea what we will find if and when we get inside," he said. "It appears that the whole business was hushed up, because a lot of money and effort had gone into the project, and the news would have damaged public morale."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

# Women drivers overtake men in skill and safety

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

**A survey shows the male view of women drivers is a myth. The RAC says insurers should respond with cheaper premiums**

THE traditional male view that women make poor drivers will be overturned tonight in a survey which shows that they are better and safer motorists than men.

The survey, conducted by Gallup, discovered that almost 25 per cent of men owned up to bad habits which caused them to be a danger on the road, compared with only 7 per cent of women.

More than 40 per cent of men admitted driving when in danger of falling asleep, compared with 20 per cent of women; men were almost twice as likely to drive too close to the vehicle in front (36 per cent to 19 per cent) or read a map while driving (31 per cent to 16 per cent).

Twice as many men — 10 per cent — had been involved in serious road crashes, while 16 per cent of men compared with 8 per cent of women admitted jumping red lights.

Nearly all 1,258 drivers surveyed for BBC1's *Watchdog Special*, to be shown tonight, thought that their driving was as good, if not better, than average. However, when *Watchdog* put that high level of confidence to the test by arranging for ten experienced drivers to be retested, only three passed.

John Ayland, former deputy chief examiner at the Transport Department, said: "People often don't realise how bad their driving is. You can criticise anything you like about somebody, except their performance in bed and the way they drive."

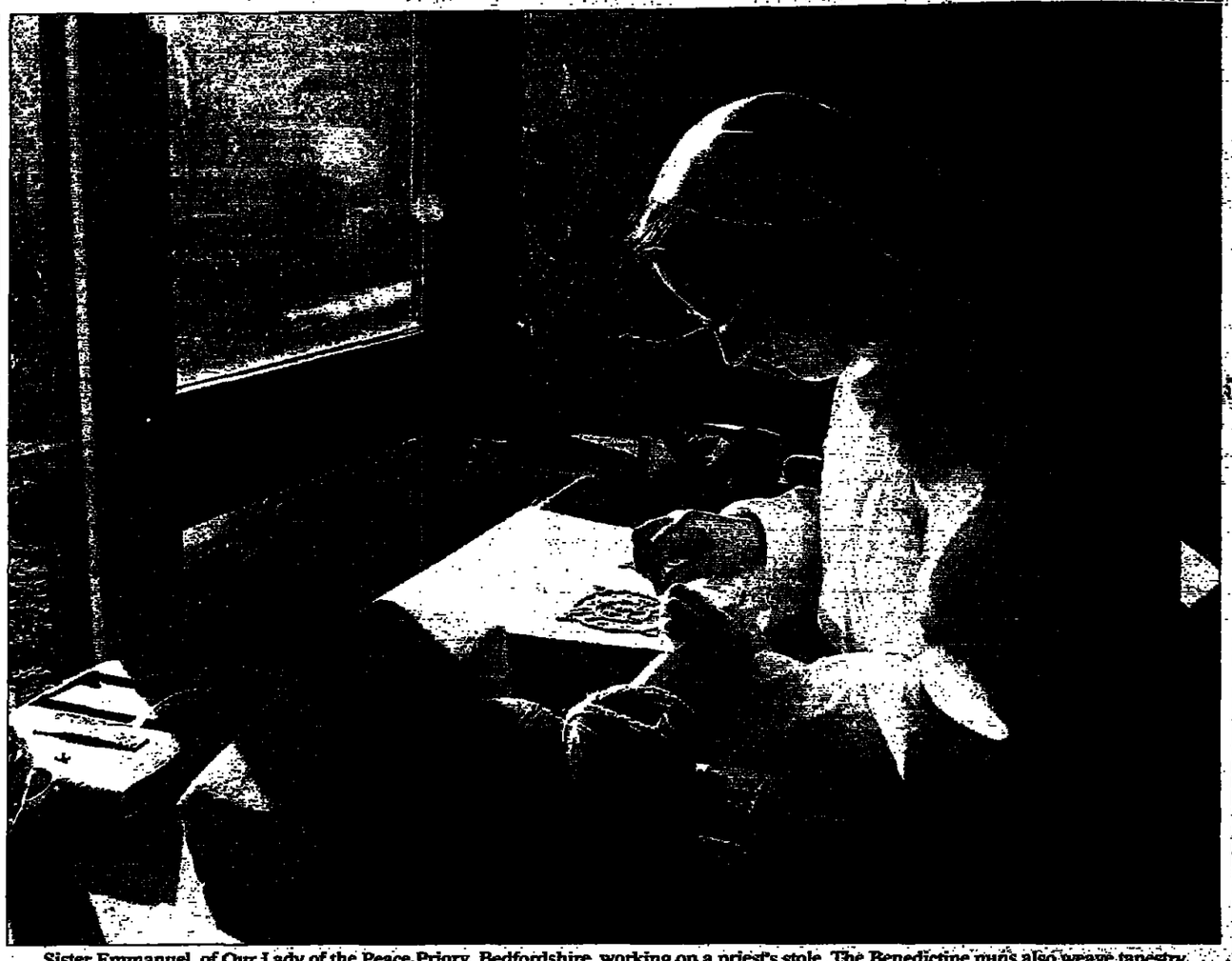
Edmund King, of the RAC, said that the survey reaffirmed the need for insurance companies to offer reduced premiums to some women drivers. "There is no doubt a 24-year-old nurse is a much better bet than a macho young man trying to impress his mates or girl friend. Statistics show that, up to the age of 30 at least, women are a much better bet per mile travelled but that fact is not considered when they apply for first-time insurance."

After the age of 30, young men appear to calm down and there is little difference between them and women in accident rates. Mr King said that insurance companies should offer reduced rates to drivers of any sex who took additional or advanced driving courses. "Most drivers pick up bad habits which could be ironed out by additional tuition, and insurance companies should offer discounts to encourage them to go on courses."

Next month, as reported in *The Times*, young drivers are to be offered lower insurance premiums if they agree to pay for additional tuition after passing their driving test. The voluntary scheme, to be announced by John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, is part of the Government's drive to tackle the carnage caused by aggressive and over-confident drivers. Drivers aged 17 to 21 represent 10 per cent of licence holders and do less than average milage but are involved in 20 per cent of all accidents.

The voluntary test will concentrate on aspects of driving not covered in the ordinary test, such as night driving, motorways and hazardous conditions. Examiners will also assess the mental attitude of young drivers for aggressive tendencies.

A spokesman for the Association of British Insurers disputed that there was any difference in the behaviour of young male or female drivers. He said: "In recent years young women drivers have become just as aggressive as men. Increasingly, the young motorist burning rubber away from traffic lights is just as likely to be a woman as a man. Insurance companies would be very cautious about offering an automatic discount based merely on sex."



Sister Emmanuel, of Our Lady of the Peace Priory, Bedfordshire, working on a priest's stole. The Benedictine nuns also weave tapestry.

# Vauxhall plans to drive out haggling

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

VAUXHALL is planning to end price discounting on cars to help thousands of consumers unwilling to haggle with salesmen.

Under a system pioneered in America by General Motors, Vauxhall's sister company, a car would be sold at the showroom sticker price with the customer ordering any "extras" separately. This would enable customers to know exactly what they are getting for their money.

The system would end what dealers nickname the "vicar's wife syndrome", where some people are likely to pay the full price for a model while more streetwise consumers can win discounts worth thousands of pounds on the same car by bargaining with the salesman.

Vauxhall was unwilling yesterday to put a timescale on the introduction of flat-rate pricing in Britain but executives are keen to be first to bring in a system which would please consumers and regulators alike.

The Retail Motor Industry Federation claims that the private consumer could be paying as much as £1,000 too much for an average family saloon to subsidise discounts to fleet buyers who order in bulk. Even if the private buyer negotiates a substantial discount, they may be pushed into buying a highly specified model costing more than they wanted to pay.

A recent study by Vauxhall showed customers deeply suspicious of salesmen and unhappy about being forced to negotiate.

# Yard scours the provinces in hunt for top officers

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PROVINCIAL police chiefs are being invited by the Home Office to apply for top posts at Scotland Yard as Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Commissioner, launches a radical redundancy and restructuring programme for the London force.

Letter have been sent by a senior Home Office police department official to all 42 provincial chief constables and their deputies asking whether they would like to apply for one of four new assistant commissioner positions in London.

The assistant commissioners will be in charge of either large new police areas or work in a small team of top officers at Scotland Yard.

Applications for the post of assistant commissioner have never been canvassed before. In the past, new assistant commissioners have usually been chosen from within Scotland Yard's senior ranks after discussions held between Home Office officials and the Yard.

The name is put forward to the Queen for official approval because the job is held with a royal warrant.

Interviews will begin next month and the provincial officers will compete with London officers for the jobs. The positions will carry salaries of more than £67,000, higher than almost all salaries currently paid to provincial police.

At present, the top level of police posts in London includes three assistant commissioners and a deputy commissioner at Scotland Yard plus 14 deputy assistant commissioners who run Yard departments or head eight police areas. There are also more than 36 posts of commander.

Under Mr Condon's plans, the top level of staff at Scotland Yard will be thinned, removing all deputy assistant commissioner posts and creating five large police areas, each headed by an assistant commissioner. Current senior officers will either compete for some of the new jobs, take redundancy, go to other forces or eventually retire.

Overall, Mr Condon's plans to remove 464 senior officers from the rank of inspector and above and will cost an estimated £25 million by April next year.

In the long-term, the reorganisation and the savings would release funds for an extra 2,364 officers to go back on the beat.

All promotions to the rank of inspector and above have been frozen within the 28,000-strong force as the redundancy programme gets under way.

In the next few weeks, the first of hundreds of senior officers will be interviewed about possible early retirement.

Details of the plans are to be launched with a series of mass meetings by Mr Condon and his staff for all senior officers and civilian managers in the next few weeks.

Later, every officer of the rank of chief inspector and above who will have served 30 years by April next year will be interviewed by his superior to discuss his future with the police.



*Condon: plans to cut 464 senior officers' jobs*

NEWS IN BRIEF

## Cinemas roar to a record

An estimated 112 million tickets were sold in cinemas across Britain last year — 15 million of them for *Jurassic Park*, the dinosaur adventure directed by Steven Spielberg. Cinema attendances were about 10 million higher than in 1992, and were the best since 1979, according to the Cinema Advertising Association.

*Jurassic Park* took a record £46.4 million in the UK box office. Work is expected to start on a sequel this year. *The Bodyguard*, starring Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner, trailed almost £30 million behind in second place, according to *Moving Pictures International*. None of the films in the top 10 is British.

## Hot-foot

Prisoner James Hayes, 32, is on the run after escaping from a police escort at Whiston hospital, Merseyside, where he was being treated for burns to his leg. He was on remand awaiting trial on a wounding charge.

## Victim named

A woman whose body was found incinerated in a hire car which had plunged 250 metres down a hillside at the Devil's Dyke, West Sussex, has been named by police as Jacqui Alexandra Cooper Gregory, 23, from London.

## Fatal fire

Matthew Toms, 5, died in a fire at his home in Birmingham after a game with matches went wrong. His brother Daniel, 2, was rescued by his mother.

## Lucky find

A horseshoe found on Bodmin Moor, Cornwall, by farmer John Northey dates from 1450.

## Bond winners

Winners in the National Savings Premium Bonds weekly draw: £100,000, bond number 17CP 586343, from Cardiff, value of holding £5,000, £50,000, 11HN 515949, Essex (£14,000), £25,000, 29JP 269387, Buckinghamshire (£10,100).

# Meek try harder to inherit the Earth

*Enclosed religious orders are turning to the commercially unusual, and their businesses are booming, Joe Joseph writes*

GOD moves in mysterious ways, so the new commercial vigour of Britain's monks and nuns could be a celestial hint to the Chancellor that the recession is over.

Orders for everything from fancy chocolates — made by nuns in Northamptonshire and hailed by the Pope as exceptionally tasty — to vases and composted manure, have left abbeys with more trade than they can handle. "We've got more than enough work," says Mother Zoe, Prioress of Our Lady of the Peace, in Turvey, Bedfordshire.

The Benedictine nuns weave abstract tapestry and do needlework as well as producing copes and altar fronts. "We're under a fair amount of pressure. We've not even noticed any recession. We've been busy nonstop. We've done things for universities, private houses, a large wall hanging for a pop star in California."

Of course, "The main work of the community is prayer," the Prioress added. "At 6.10am, 7.10am, Mass at 10.50am, Vespers at 6pm, and final prayers at 8pm."

Prices for products are keen, but not too keen. "There's been a tendency to work for peanuts, but we try not to undercut the market. A priest's stole would start at around £80. Large wall hangings could go for £4,000 or £5,000. It sounds a lot, but that would take us three to four months, earning us £2 or £3 an hour." The taste for the commercially unusual is growing among the enclosed orders, where many regard producing Communion wafers as worthy, but creatively wanting. In Daventry, Northamptonshire, nuns at Our Lady of the Passion Monastery had barely finished making fancy chocolates for Christmas before they had to gear up for St Valentine's Day. They turned to making chocolates after a salmonella attack was traced to their 5,000 egg-laying hens four years ago. A Belgian cousin of a sister taught them how. Now they produce 65 to 90lbs of chocolate a day, selling at £7.50 a lb.

When the sisters sent the Pope some samples, he wrote to say they were the best he'd tasted. His endorsement has been framed, but not commercially exploited. The nuns, battling with a lengthening order book, have no need of further fame.

Carmelite nuns at Quidenham, Norfolk, use their photographic skills to print Christmas cards. At Buckfast Abbey, Devon, monks ferment tonic wine. It is now famous, if not quite as famous as the beers brewed by Belgian Trappists — originally meant to sustain the body in Lent.

> "Pottery's the main earner. We export to America and supply UK retailers"

The Benedictines who run Ampleforth, the Roman Catholic public school in North Yorkshire, add to earnings from school fees by making yoghurt from their Friesian herd. The monks added yoghurt to their sales brochure when their Milk Marketing Board quota was cut recently.

At Prinknash Abbey in Gloucestershire, Father Fabian, the Prior, says that custom for the monastery's pottery is sturdy. "We have got other small sidelines, like incense, but pottery is the main earner. We export to America and Italy and supply retailers in the UK. This Christmas has been pretty good," Father Fabian said.

With sales so good and most of the monks getting on, the abbey now employs lay men to help make the pots.

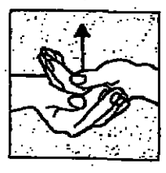
For something less typical, consider the 28 Cistercian monks at Portglenone in County Antrim. They use the dung and slurry produced by their cattle to make methane gas and compost. The monks no longer shiver in winter, and have become among Northern Ireland's biggest producers of organic compost.

Gerald Berry, their lay farm manager, says the slurry-based gas provides 16 hours of power a day, saving £8,000 a year in bills. Annual sales to garden centres and golf courses of composted and liquid manure bring in £70,000. "It was barely £20,000 when we had just started three years ago. This is our busiest time of the year, drying out the compost and bagging it."

Once it might have been considered dirty work. Now it seems almost divine.

# Parents voice fears over speech defects

BY RUTH GLEDHILL



ONE in five parents is concerned that their children have a speech or language impairment, according to early results of a national survey.

The study, which is being launched during SpeakWatch week, a national campaign in March, indicates that problems with speech and language in children are far higher than once thought.

Charities at present work on the basis that one in 20 children has a language impairment that is not caused by physical or intellectual disability. More recent research has also suggested that the figure may be as high as one in 12.

The SpeakWatch campaign will aim to encourage a wider debate and better understanding of the problems encountered by the 2.5 million people with language difficulty.

The Times is appealing for donations to Afasic, a charity for overcoming speech impairments in children and young adults. Afasic and other charities will be taking part in the SpeakWatch campaign, being run by British Telecom, which will cover a range of speech disorders, including stammering.

According to research by Pamela Enderby, a Bristol speech therapist, and Esther Crow, research assistant, people with speech disorders can feel ignored, are treated as though they are stupid or deaf, or people pretend to understand them when they cannot.

Afasic is also addressing the difficulty in distinguishing educational from linguistic needs among children from minority groups.

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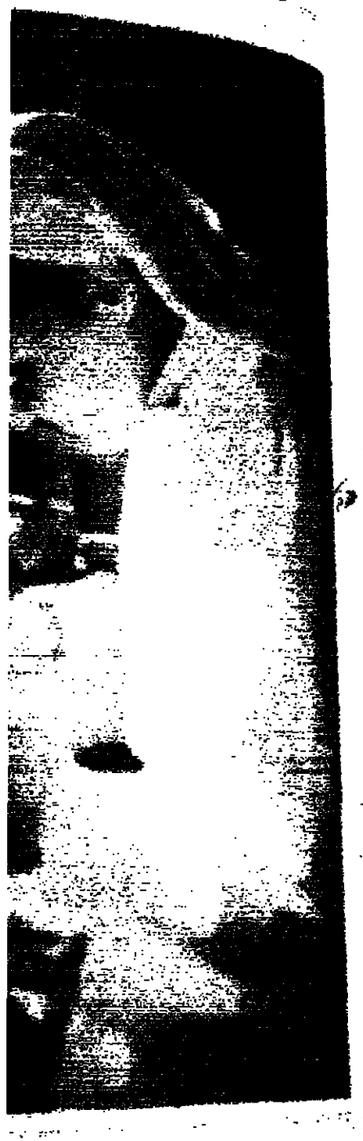
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# State schools called to account over spending

**Head teachers and governors will be urged to direct spending more carefully to improve the quality of education**

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MANY state schools are failing to provide value for money and to give full account of how they spend their money, government inspectors will claim in a report later this month.

An investigation by the Office for *Standards in Education* (Ofsted) will disclose weaknesses in the way schools spend and account for annual budgets totalling almost £12 billion.

The report is expected to criticise lax financial controls in a minority of schools and urge head teachers and governors to direct spending more carefully to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

The findings are eagerly awaited by John Patten, the Education Secretary, as he fends off opposition claims that spending lags behind that of economic rivals such as France and the United States. Professor Stewart Sutherland, *Her Majesty's Chief Inspector* of Schools, said in his annual report last month that schools could not expect extra funding until they demonstrated that existing budgets were being used efficiently.

The Ofsted enquiry comes in the wake of a study by the Audit Commission which concluded that accountability for the use of public funds was seriously flawed in 40 per cent of schools.

The commission said that although most schools had adapted well since they started to take control of their own finances four years ago, many were guilty of leaving too many financial decisions to head teachers. In one school, a head awarded work costing more than £3,900 to her husband without obtaining competitive quotations or discussing it with governors.

The Ofsted report is expected to highlight how some secondary schools, with budgets of up to £2 million, are keeping high reserves in the bank while pupils suffer shortages of books.

It will also question the way schools monitor the effectiveness of in-service training for teachers, an area that has received more than £1 billion funding from central and local government in the past five years. A further £180 million has been earmarked for the financial year from April.

Inspectors note that while schools usually require teachers to evaluate the quality of training courses they attend, they rarely monitor the subsequent classroom performance of staff to establish whether it improves.

The report is expected to give approval to the small band of head teachers who monitor individual teachers' performance by analysing the examination results of their classes.

Also, it will encourage schools to develop a more rigorous approach to management. It will dismiss the argument that it is inefficient for schools to devote part of limited budgets to monitor the effectiveness of their spending. Instead, it will urge head teachers and governors to pay more attention to strategic planning and to question, for example, whether it is more effective to have three deputy heads rather than to employ two and use the spare cash to buy additional textbooks.

Professor Sutherland said in his annual report that although schools were coming to terms with the problems of controlling substantial delegated budgets, there were widespread weaknesses in *long-term planning*.

He said a significant flaw in secondary schools was a failure to keep a close track of what happened in classrooms. Other weaknesses were the lack of clear priorities and a failure to set clear targets to be achieved within a specific time at a set cost.

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Sutherland: some schools weak on long-term plans

ROBIN MAYES



Neil Kinnock discusses Stonewall's campaign with Sir Ian McKellen, left, and Euan Sutherland, 16, from Dulwich, southeast London

# Kinnock to back lower gay sex age

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock, the former Labour leader, is to back Edwina Currie in her campaign to lower the age of consent for homosexuals from 21 to 16 and will sponsor an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill. A free vote will be held in the Commons this month on whether the legal age for homosexuality should fall to 18 or 16.

Several Tory and Labour MPs are backing the amendment, to be tabled tomorrow after the Bill's second reading, to bring the age of consent into line with that for heterosexuals. Mr Kinnock said: "There is no rational argument against the common age of consent, especially when 16 is the legal age in *most comparable democracies*."

The Stonewall group, a gay and lesbian lobby organisation of which Sir Ian McKellen was a founder member, will on Wednesday launch its campaign for equalising the age of consent.

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# The house of concrete reduced to rubble

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE much-derided concrete cast of a house in east London, created by the winner of the Turner prize, will be demolished *tomorrow*.

Variously described as a postwar masterpiece or a lumpish eyesore, *The House* will be reduced to rubble by lunchtime. Rachel Whiteread, the sculptor, will be present for the destruction of her most celebrated work, which has graced Mile End Park, Bow, for four months.

Tower Hamlets council, no admirer of the sculpture, is taking no chances on anything going wrong. Its Bow neighbourhood committee has hired its own demolition contractors to do the job if the ones employed by Artangel, the arts trust that masterminded the project "as a Christmas gift of goodwill" to the East End, fail to turn up.

Eric Flounders, the committee's chairman, said: "It is an eyesore that has done nothing to enhance the reputation of the East End."

Not that the committee always took that view. In its most recent *Bow Bugle* newsletter, published shortly before Whiteread had unveiled her work of art, it declared: "We are happy to encourage all types of cultural activity in the neighbourhood. It comes as a bonus to us and the sculpture that this chance has arisen. It will certainly provide an unusual landmark for the area."

Mr Flounders, a former mayor of Tower Hamlets, said: "You can certainly say it was unusual, which is why it is going to be demolished, come what may, tomorrow."

# Detention sentence hailed by widow

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE widow of a man whose killer was cleared of murder last year said yesterday she was "thrilled" he had now received a custodial sentence for another offence.

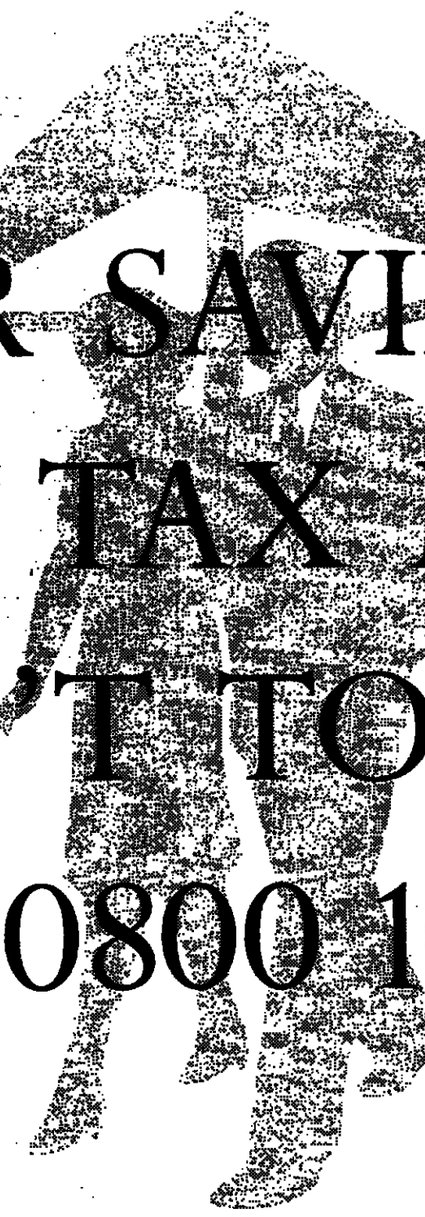
Joseph Elliott, 19, was on Saturday given three months' detention by South Western Magistrates' Court, Clapham, south London, after admitting possession of a truncheon.

Elliott killed Diane Osborne's husband Robert in 1992 outside their home in Streatham. After chasing Elliott, he was stabbed to death. Last July, Elliott, of no fixed address, was acquitted of murder. An Old Bailey jury accepted that he had stabbed Mr Osborne in self-defence.

After Saturday's sentencing, Mrs Osborne said: "I'm thrilled. He's been laughing at the law for God knows how long. I look at it as three months of what he should have got. He should have got 20 years for killing my husband. The longer he's off the streets the safer it is for everybody."

Elliott, who had been on the run since December, turned himself in on Saturday morning. The court was told Elliott had skipped bail because of family commitments.

In September, Elliott admitted carrying an offensive weapon: a probation order was extended and sentence deferred to give him the chance to prove he could stay out of trouble. Sentence was due to be handed down on December 17, but Elliott failed to appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He was also given a month's detention yesterday, to run concurrently, for failing to attend court.

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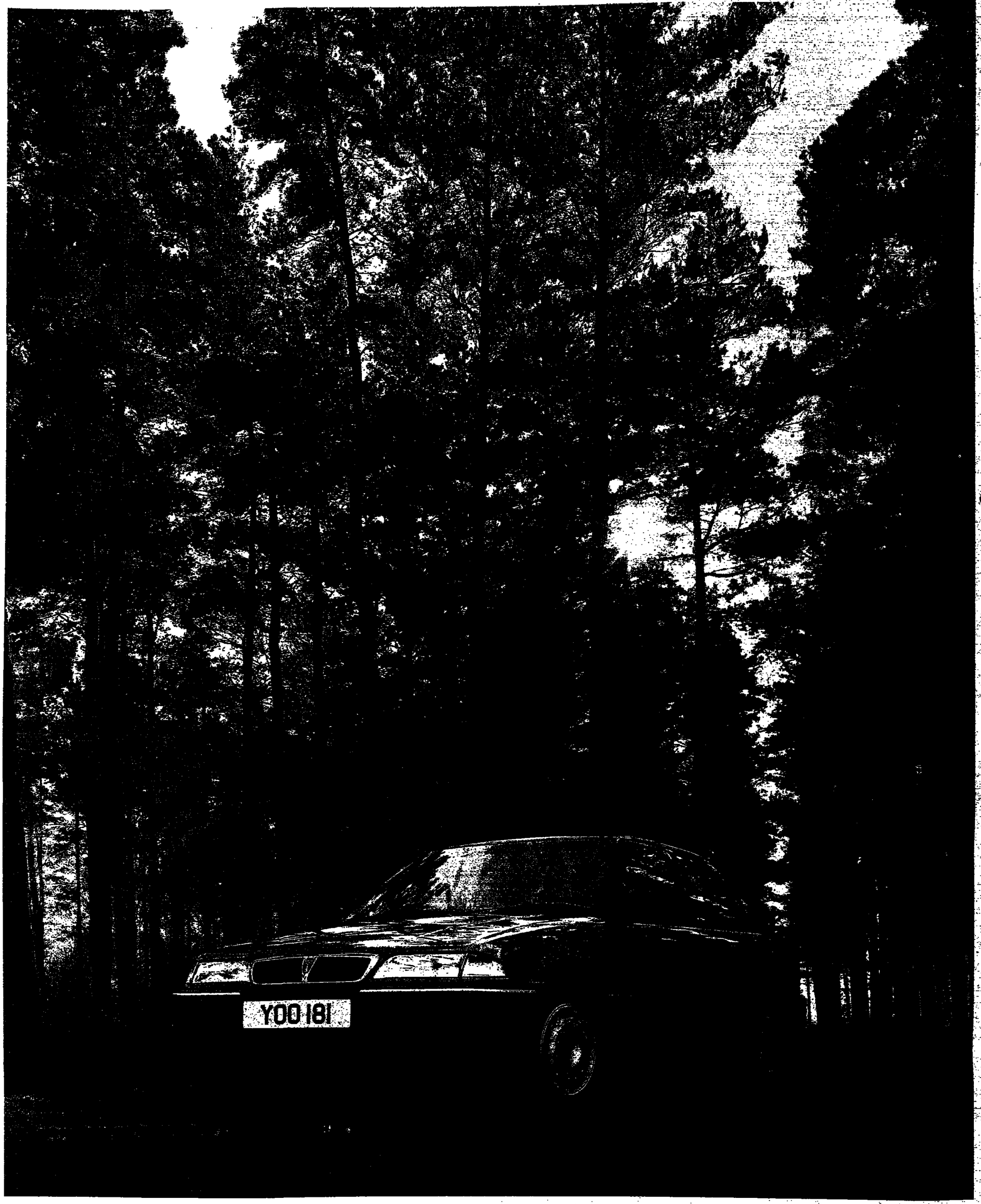
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# Holiday cost melts for last-minute alpine skiers

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of ski holidays are being sold at knock-down prices as tour operators attempt to overcome a slump in bookings. For skiers prepared to travel within the next two or three weeks, a seven-night skiing break in an alpine resort can be bought for as little as £119.

Rapidly rising prices in Austria, Switzerland and France last year led to a big fall in the number of forward bookings. Tour operators who had booked and paid for airline seats and hotels up to a year ago are now left with many unsold and are prepared to slash prices to obtain some kind of return.

The "sale" appears to be working and many now report a big surge in last-minute bookings. With the main ski season now at its height, however, there are still many flights with empty seats, and hotels in ski resorts with empty rooms.

"It is nail biting time as far as we are concerned," Rosemary Astles, marketing director of Thomson, said. The company is cutting around £50 off many ski holidays enabling last-minute bookers to take a week in Austria departing on January 16 from Newcastle, for example, for £159.

Crystal Holidays has made even deeper cuts and is offering seven nights in resorts in France, Austria or Switzerland from £119, about half the normal brochure price. However, there is now only limited availability and holidaymakers have no choice of resort or hotel until the last moment.

"Some of our resorts have gone exceptionally well," Andrew Perrin, marketing director of Crystal, said. "Italy has increased three-fold in popularity this year and North America is also doing well. Austria has, however, been very badly affected by the exchange-rate changes."

The cut-price offers come at a time when the Alps are having some of the best snow conditions in years. "Those who held back to see what the snow was going to be like this year have really struck lucky," Richard Bowden-Doyle, marketing director of the leading travel agency chain Lunn Poly, said. "Early bookings were slack because of the big increase in prices in Austria and Switzerland. Italy and Spain took advantage and have done exceedingly well as a result but there are some real bargains still to be had."

Lunn Poly, like other travel agency chains, is cutting prices still further by continuing the High Street price war. Customers will not, however, get the full 11 per cent discount on offer for summer but will be able to reduce the price of a late ski trip by a further 5 per cent on average.

About 500,000 Britons go skiing each year, most booking package deals. This year the number is expected to be around 20 per cent down.

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# Schools for sale as boarders disappear

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A CLUTCH of former preparatory schools is to be sold as the recession takes its toll of the number of boarders.

In Hereford and Worcester alone, the agent DTZ Debenham Thorpe is selling Hillstone, a former preparatory school in Great Malvern, and Wells House, another near Ledbury.

Agents report a steady procession of former boarding schools up for sale as the number of boarders diminishes.

Independent Schools Information Service figures show that the number of boys boarding full-time fell by 6.7 per cent in 1992, more steeply than ever before, and that the fall was sharpest for the lower ages.

Girls' boarding schools are also being affected. Last year, Knight Frank & Rutley sold Wardour Castle, the former Cranbourne Chase girls' boarding school, for nearly £1 million.

Jeremy Hughes, from DTZ's Worcester and Hereford office, said: "There is a steady trickle of these prep and boarding schools up for sale as they give up the fight to survive. We've sold at least five schools in the last year."

Mr Hughes said the most likely fate of Wells House school — which includes a gymnasium, classroom blocks, a covered and heated swimming pool, tennis courts and hockey pitches — is to become a nursing home or a more specialised educational establishment.

Hillstone Preparatory includes four period houses, three school buildings and a chapel. The individual properties are likely to be bought for residential use, Mr Hughes said.

While it is relatively difficult to sell former schools in the country, the reverse is the case in London.

Ian Homersham, joint chairman of the agents John D. Wood, said: "Sites with any kind of educational potential get snapped up in London because of the demand for new private schools."

## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Giant of the board

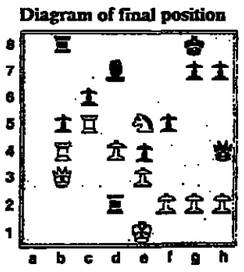
WILLIAM Ritson-Morry, one of the grand old men of British chess, died on Saturday. Born on September 5, 1910, Ritson-Morry achieved notable successes in the British championship, tying for second in 1936 and third in 1951. It is, though, as an organiser and supporter of chess that he was best known. He organised 34 annual Birmingham congresses and was the founder of the junior world championship, the inaugural event being held at Birmingham in 1951. That year he was also awarded the title of Fide arbiter. Latterly, he was known as a great supporter of the annual Hastings tournament and the trophy for the challengers' section there has been named in his honour.

**White:** William Ritson-Morry
**Black:** Barry Wood
Birmingham Championship 1950

**Queen's Gambit declined**

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| 2 | c4 | e6 |
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| 4 | Bg5 | Nbd7 |
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| 6 | Nf3 | 0-0 |
| 7 | Rc1 | c6 |
| 8 | Bd3 | dxc4 |
| 9 | Bxc4 | Nd5 |
| 10 | Bxe7 | Qxe7 |
| 11 | 0-0 | Nxc3 |
| 12 | Rxc3 | e5 |
| 13 | Cb1 | e4 |
| 14 | Nd2 | Nf6 |
| 15 | b4 | Rd8 |
| 16 | Rfc1 | a5 |
| 17 | Ra3 | b6 |
| 18 | Cb2 | Bd7 |
| 19 | bxa5 | b5 |
| 20 | Be2 | Nd5 |
| 21 | Rb3 | Rdb8 |
| 22 | Rc5 | Rxa5 |
| 23 | Qc2 | f5 |
| 24 | Nc4 | Ra4 |
| 25 | Ne5 | Nb4 |
| 26 | Qb1 | Rxa2 |
| 27 | Rxb4 | Rxe2 |
| 28 | Kf1 | Rd2 |
| 29 | Ke1 | Qh4 |
| 30 | Cb2+ | Black resigns |

**Diagram of final position**



After 30 ... Kh8. White finishes with the classical smothered mate: 31 Nf7+ Kg8 32 Nh6++ Kh8 33 Qg8+ RxgS 34 Nf7 checkmate.

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MICHAEL POWELL



Belinda Hatley, a Royal Ballet soloist, makes her choice from some of the 5,000 pairs of shoes made for the dancers each year by Freed of London. The Royal Ballet, based in Covent Garden, has relaunched its Pointe Shoes Appeal to help meet the annual cost of £67,000

# Woman's strangler may be on video

BY KATE ALDERSON

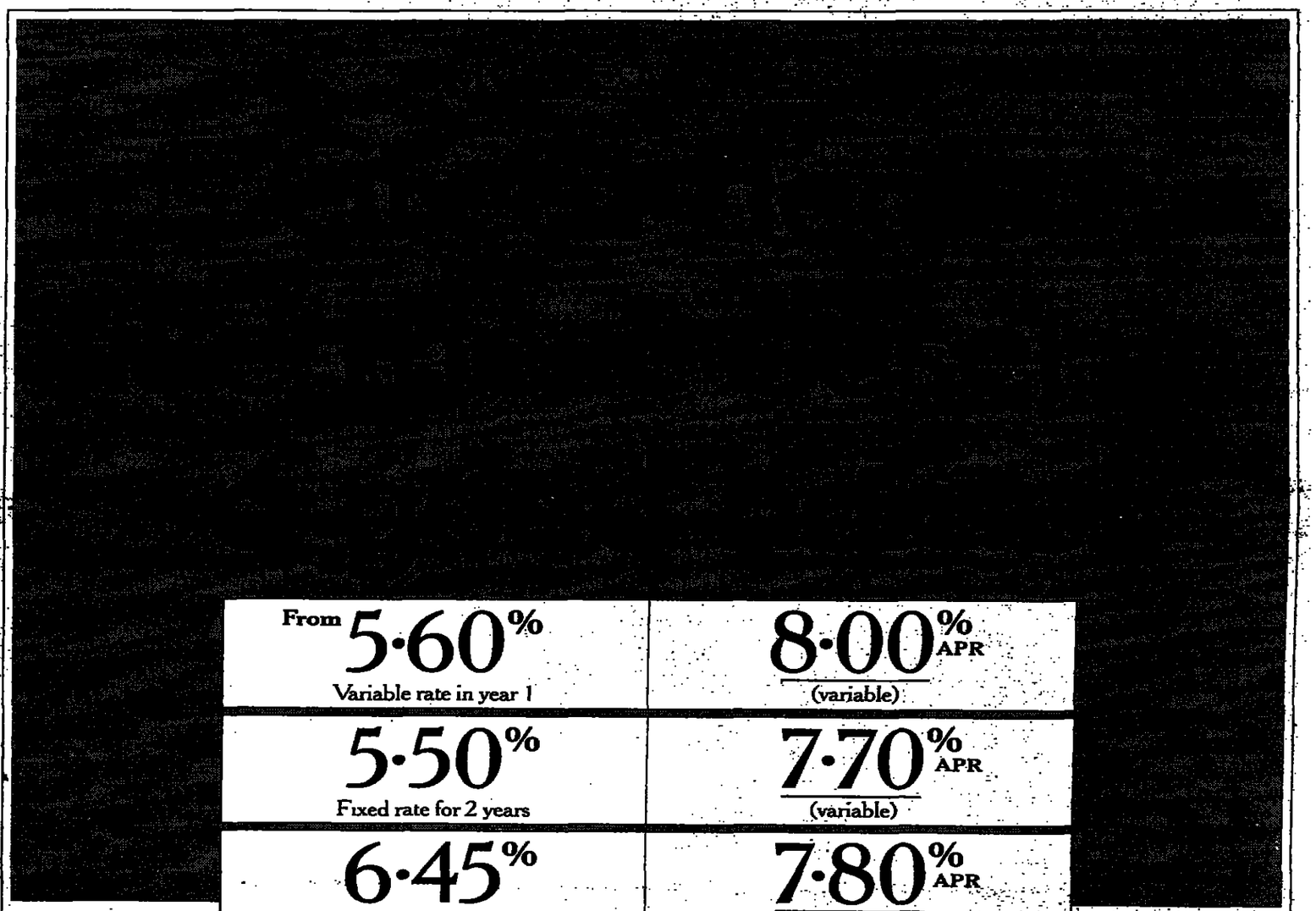
THE killer of a 66-year-old woman who was mutilated, sexually assaulted and strangled after visiting her daughter in hospital may have been captured on surveillance cameras.

Shirley Leach, who was widowed 15 months ago, was waiting for a bus at the Bury interchange complex, Greater Manchester, on Thursday evening. In the early hours of Friday, her body was found in a toilet cubicle and detectives at Bury police station hope that enhanced video images may identify the murderer.

Det Chief Supt Ian Maskrey could not confirm that the woman had been raped but said that the motive for the killing was sexual.

Mrs Leach caught a bus with her grandson from Fairfield General Hospital to the town centre bus station on Thursday at 9pm. Her grandson left her at the station where she intended to catch a second bus to her home.

Police are appealing for witnesses from the bus station and for recent victims of indecent assault who have not reported their attacks to the police to come forward.


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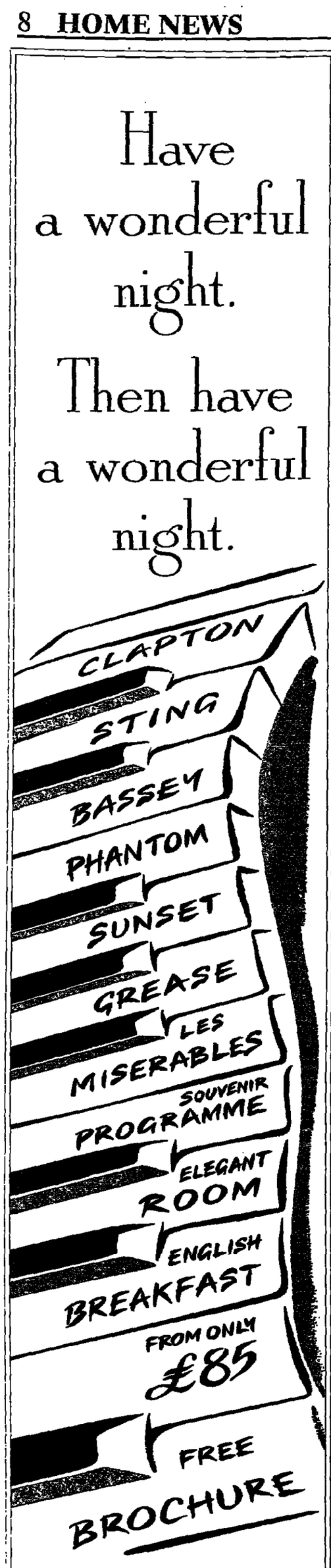
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A Times investigation into pollution and the health of a nation

# Millions face air of despair

By Tony Dawe

THE threat to the nation's health from increasing air pollution has prompted charities, research scientists, doctors and MPs to launch a concerted campaign for tighter controls on air quality.

They estimate that 10 million Britons, almost one in five of the population, are at risk from polluted air, including the elderly, pregnant women, children under two and those with respiratory illnesses. Asthma is increasing at an alarming rate: there are three million recorded sufferers and it is estimated that one in seven children is affected. It is the only treatable chronic illness that is becoming more prevalent in the western world, and 2,000 Britons die from it ever year. Four in five deaths are avoidable.

A total of 7 million working days are lost because of asthma, at an annual cost of £400 million to commerce and industry, £70 million in sickness benefit and almost £500 million to the NHS.

Research, much of it funded by charities, has yet to establish that air pollution is a primary cause of asthma but, as Professor Robert Davies, consultant physician and reader in respiratory medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, central London, told *The Times*: "The current position which would be agreed by most people is that episodes of air pollution are a trigger to asthma."

Government research has shown that 19 million Britons a year are exposed to air pollution levels in excess of international guidelines. The pollutants include:

☐ Carbon monoxide, which deprives the body of oxygen by reacting with haemoglobin, causing drowsiness and headaches, slowing thought and reflexes and increasing pressure on the heart.

☐ Nitrogen oxides, which increase susceptibility to viral illnesses, irritate lung tissue and increase the risk of bronchitis and pneumonia.

☐ Ozone, which aggravates asthma and bronchitis but also affects normally healthy adults, causing coughing, eye, nose and throat irritation and headaches.




Figures gathered by Friends of the Earth show that in 1992, ozone levels exceeded World Health Organisation guidelines on 269 days at 21 monitoring sites.

These disturbing statistics have been gathered despite Britain's poor record in monitoring air pollution, with only seven sites designed in compliance with European directives to measure nitrogen dioxide, compared with 200 in Germany.

The call for better monitoring of air pollution is one of the main themes of the new campaign because it would show where tighter controls need to be applied and alert those most at risk to the danger areas.

There are also widespread demands for greater research into the causes of respiratory illnesses so that doctors can be better informed about how to treat them. Dr Martyn Partridge, chief medical adviser to the National Asthma Campaign, said: "As far as asthma is concerned, the obsession is with preventing attacks, but what is much more exciting is the possibility through genetic research of identifying children, even a foetus, at risk. We could then plan what to do to alter that child's environment to prevent the disease developing."

The newly formed all-party asthma group of MPs is also campaigning for a greater awareness in Government of the scale of the disease and for it to be included in the next progress report on the Health of the Nation initiative.

More far-reaching reforms are demanded by organisations such as the British Lung Foundation, Friends of the Earth and the National Asthma Campaign. They want a transport strategy that takes account of health issues and greater encouragement for people to buy fuel-efficient vehicles.

## Seaside solution rescues brothers

By Lucy Berrington

A FAMILY uprooted from London because of their children's asthma saw a radical improvement after living in rural Kent.

While scientists dithered over the impact of air pollution on health, the Lane-Nicholls family made an experimental move from East End to countryside. "Their asthma attacks are 70 per cent down," Louise Lane-Nicholls said of her nine-year-old twins, Richard and Russell.

Richard suffered his first attack at the age of two; Russell's was a year later. Soon Mrs Lane-Nicholls, 33, was familiar with "the panic

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of a mother looking at a child and knowing he can't breathe". For five years, the boys had to be rushed to hospital every few months for treatment.

The family has a history of asthma and assumed the illness was controlled by genes. Only after spending weekends at a caravan in Kent did Mrs Lane-Nicholls and her husband Barry, 29, a builder, realise what effect the environment had. "We noticed how well the boys looked on Monday mornings, as if we'd just come back from Switzerland," she said.

The family considered other ways to ease their sons' problem, including giving up their two dogs, but eventually decided to move and at Easter 1992 settled on an estate of bungalows near Herne Bay. "There is hardly any traffic: only the people that live here and the dustmen," Mrs Lane-Nicholls said.

The twins attend Hampton Primary School, where the teachers are "extremely understanding". An asthmatic child has a Ventolin inhaler that is left at school. At playtime and lunchtime, and even PE, the child collects the inhaler and leaves it with a dinner lady or PE teacher so it is easily available," she said.

The boys inhale Ventolin three times a day, but now need few additional precautions. They have been weaned off regular steroids. "We don't stop them doing any sports. If the children are doing something energetic, like trampolining, I give them Ventolin, let them sit down for a while, then let them do it."

Mrs Lane-Nicholls believes more should be done to educate teachers, doctors and parents about asthma and to establish the link between asthma and pollution by cars. Mrs Lane-Nicholls says the convenience of private transport cannot outweigh the damaging side-effects, and is frustrated by those who claim they cannot live without their cars. "Yes, and I need a car — to get my child to hospital."

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The Lane-Nicholls family left London to ease the asthma of sons Russell and Richard

## Staff take away pupils' inhalers

By Tony Dawe

THE scandal of schools refusing to help pupils suffering from asthma, the fastest growing treatable disease in Britain, is revealed in a report published today.

The National Asthma Campaign has found that tens of thousands of young asthma sufferers are refused access to potentially life-saving medication during the schoolday. Inhalers which help relieve attacks are kept in locked cupboards and desks and staff do not know how to help.

While 86 per cent of staff surveyed recognised that asthma was a serious condition, only 7 per cent claimed to know much about medication.

The campaign also details cases of asthmatic children being sent out to play in weather that could trigger attacks.

"The most worrying factor was that many schools still insisted on keeping children's inhalers locked away," Evelyn Smith, a research scientist, said. She is co-author of the study of more than 900 state schools, which found that, while 60 per cent had a procedure to deal with an asthma attack, 90 per cent wanted more information.

Today a revised "school pack" is launched by the campaign, aimed to ensure staff know what to do during an asthma attack and that every child with asthma can lead an unrestricted life in a safe and healthy environment.

The National Asthma Campaign hopes the pack will reinforce its message that every school should have a policy on asthma, allow children to carry their own inhalers and ensure access to a school nurse or health visitor who has been trained in coping with asthma. "What every teacher needs to know is that asthma is a serious complaint and that in the event of an attack a child must take its inhaler," Melinda Letts, the campaign director, said. "If the inhaler does not work, the teacher should call an ambulance".

Lorna Mills, from Kent, was forced to move her daughter Anneka, 6, from one school because the staff did not understand her condition. "None of the school staff was sufficiently experienced in coping with asthma and I doubt there was a policy," Mrs Mills said.

"On one occasion, Anneka was sent out during playtime in foggy and extremely windy conditions, known triggers to people with asthma, and she suffered a severe attack which resulted in her having to go to hospital. Her new school is brilliant, they know what they are doing and Anneka is keeping her asthma under control. She is much happier."

Elaine and Norman Robinson, from Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, said that when their daughter Ellen, 8, started school, her inhaler was kept in a teacher's desk. The school then decided this was not safe and that all medication should be kept in the staff room on the first floor.

"This meant that if a child was having difficulty breathing in class or outdoors they would have to find an ancillary to go and get their inhaler for them or they would have to climb the stairs themselves — gasping for breath all the way," Mrs Robinson said.

Her husband added: "Despite our approaching the school to talk about adopting a policy towards asthma, the medication remained in the same place and we decided to move Ellen to another school."

# Motor vehicles leave toxic legacy

CARS

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

MEASURES to curb pollution from cars, lorries and buses came too late to prevent the clouds of toxic gas over Britain's towns and cities.

Evidence is growing that the UK will continue to have vehicles on the roads that pump exhaust gases into the atmosphere long after government clean-up regulations came into force.

In London alone, more than 1.3 million tonnes of pollutants are released into the atmosphere each year with 80 per cent estimated to come from motor vehicles. About 28 per cent of emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas, is estimated to come from the exhausts of Britain's 23 million vehicles.

The toxic cocktail from petrol engines includes carbon monoxide, a colourless, odourless gas blamed for depleting the ozone layer, unburnt hydrocarbons that contribute to acid rain and help create photochemical smog, and nitric oxides that erode buildings and help strip foliage. Diesel engines pour out particulates — tiny grains of soot that are thought to contribute to asthma.

The government has been slow to curb vehicle emissions, in contrast to some of Britain's industrial competitors. The United States was first to demand the fitting of catalytic converters to petrol-engined cars in 1975, followed by Japan and Germany, where grants of up to £850 were available to drivers to encourage the clean technology.

Catalysts, which absorb as much as 90 per cent of noxious exhaust gases, became compulsory in the UK on January 1 last year and then only as a result of European Community legislation. Nearly 1.5 million petrol-using cars sold in Britain last year will use converters.

Yet there are millions of vehicles that do not. The RAC conducted tests on 60,000 car exhausts and discovered that 12 per cent caused 55 per cent of the pollution. One old and badly maintained car emits as much toxic gas as 40 cleaner cars, the researchers found.

With only 1.5 million vehicles scrapped each year, the legacy of polluting vehicles will last a decade at least. Even if they are routinely tested for MoTs annually, they are free to pollute for the rest of the year. With or without proper maintenance, they are incapable of matching the levels of clean exhaust emissions expected from cars manufactured with catalysts.

Catalysts are acknowledged as not being the perfect answer to pollution. They reach full effectiveness when cold only slowly — a problem when the average car journey no more than ten miles — and hamper fuel efficiency. Yet they are the only realistic defence against exhaust pollution.

The key is how quickly cleaner cars can be introduced. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says it will be 2002 before 90 per cent of car miles are in clean cars.

Assuming that there is no technological leap before the end of the century, the UK will have to accept pollution as a fact of life.

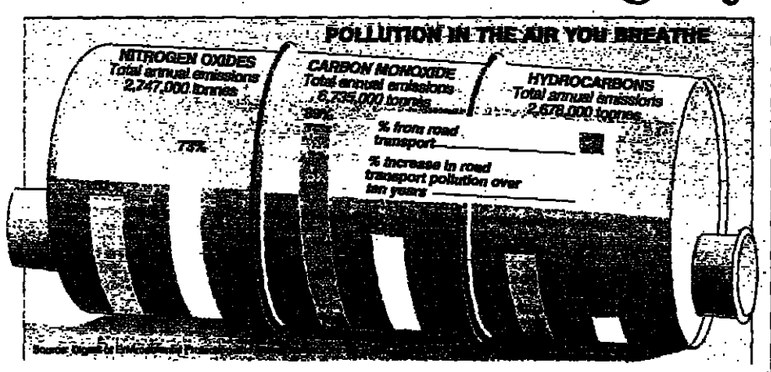
The society's figures give some cause for optimism, however. By 2002 — even if the present car fleet swells to 27 million — emissions will be the same as for just 8.5 million of today's cars, equivalent to half the emissions produced in 1989.

☐ Manchester Metrolink's supertram system is carrying 13 million passengers a year, two million more than was forecast. The figure had been rising steadily since the road-and-rail system opened in April 1992.

A company spokeswoman said: "Metrolink has been a resounding success and is attracting increasing numbers of people who previously used their cars. Research suggests that 47 per cent of passengers left their vehicles at home."

The fleet of 26 trams use railway lines for the bulk of the journey, but run on tram lines through the city centre.

Up to a dozen other cities hope to introduce similar systems, with trams starting in Sheffield in about two months.




**Tomorrow:** The cities that fail to monitor their polluted air

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# Clinton close to clinching nuclear deal with Kiev

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

UKRAINE was last night said to be close to agreeing a deal with Russia and the United States on dismantling its nuclear arsenal that could remove a main source of alarm in Europe and hand President Clinton a badly-needed foreign policy triumph on his first official trip to the Continent.

American officials travelling with the President insisted that the deal was not yet concluded, but said that three-way talks in Washington last week had made good progress and that the results were being assessed in Kiev and Moscow. They said Mr Clinton could stop in Kiev on his way to his Moscow summit on Wednesday to meet President Kravchuk of Ukraine and obtain his signature on the agreement. Alternatively Mr Kravchuk could fly to Moscow for a three-party signing ceremony with Mr Clinton and President Yeltsin on Thursday or Friday. If an agreement could not be reached in time Mr Kravchuk would go to Washington later.

News of the proposed agreement came as Ukraine reacted defensively to suggestions that it was stalling in its implementation of the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start I) and broadcast television pictures of missiles that have been disabled on Ukrainian territory. Ukraine inherited about 1,800 nuclear warheads mounted on intercontinental and cruise missiles after the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991.

Ukraine agreed to abandon that nuclear arsenal, the world's third largest, under Start I and to sign the nuclear *Non-Proliferation Treaty*. However, it has failed to follow through on those commitments because of nationalist pressure and tension with Russia, and last month the Ukrainian parliament laid down new conditions for complying with Start I.

American officials refused to elaborate on the terms of the new deal, but hinted that it included financial incentives that might make it easier for Mr Kravchuk to sell the agreement to his hardline parliamentarians. American officials believe he may bypass parliament, due to be re-elected at the end of March, and sign the treaty on his own authority.

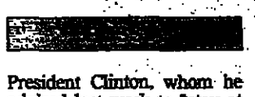
Ukraine's dire economic plight makes it increasingly urgent to obtain Western aid and credits, but the Americans have been reluctant to respond until the nuclear issue was resolved.

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# Zhirinovsky drops boorish rhetoric

BY MICHAEL BINYON

RUSSIA would remain a democratic state and wanted good relations with the West, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the nationalist leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, said at the weekend. In a sharp reversal of his boorish comments about



President Clinton, whom he advised last week to "stay at home and play his saxophone", he said he had a "good opinion" of the American leader. He was hoping for Russian co-operation with America to stop wars in the Balkans and the Caucasus.

Mr Zhirinovsky, ruthlessly exploiting his talent for self-publicity in the Russian political vacuum, gave a 30-minute interview to the CNN American television network. His remarks, a clear attempt to soften the bogeyman image he has deliberately cultivated in the West, were timed to influence Mr Clinton's meeting with President Yeltsin here this week. Mr Clinton has refused to meet the maverick politician, and has consequently abandoned plans to meet other opposition leaders as well, but Western diplomats say that the spectre of Mr Zhirinovsky and his extremist policies will hang over the summit talks.

Mr Zhirinovsky used the interview to counter the impression that he was hostile to the West. He had no plans to organise a new military bloc.

## Summiteers must define new role for growing forum

# Parochial savagery leaves alliance wanting

*George Brock looks at the options for an organisation that wants to be a talking shop and insurance against war*



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Nato troops may be joined soon on manoeuvres by their former Warsaw Pact enemies in an initiative aimed at building East-West partnership

General Francis Briquemont, the square-jawed Belgian officer commanding the United Nations troops in Bosnia, revealed in a recent outburst that he no longer bothers to read UN resolutions on the conflict. He may not find the resolutions written by the Nato summit, which opens in Brussels today, any more useful in his work.

The north Atlantic alliance has never faced the credibility gap which now yawns before Bill Clinton, John Major, François Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl. This year's gathering is different because of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The intimate, parochial savagery has raised fears across Europe of a "return to the 19th century", but the butchery more closely resembles the Thirty Years War of three centuries before.

The most successful alliance in history has sat on the sidelines. Nato has been activated on the margins of the war, patrolling the "no-fly" zone and the Adriatic, but it has always stopped short of enforcing rules that have anyway had little impact on the killing. Shelves of detailed plans for a 60,000-strong force to back up a peace deal gather dust in the alliance's vaults.

When leaders of all three Bosnian factions signed an agreement last spring, Nato came close to real action for the first time in its life. However, the governments of what used to be called "the West" backed away from the risks and allowed hard-line Serbs to tear up the deal.

The representatives at the Nato summit will do their best to steer round the chasm separating the subtlety of their communiqués and the reality of Bosnia's grisly dismemberment. They will deploy a well-rehearsed case for the defence. Peace enforcement can be dangerous, expensive and may last years; governments want to wait until the parties have fought themselves to a stop. To assuage French worries about American domination, Nato can only act at the UN's request, which requires Russian and Chinese assent.

However, this reasoning sounds hollow to Nato's more far-sighted servants who have lately returned to their old hobby of worrying about Russia's intentions. The men and women who study the risks know that Nato can be galvanised by a huge external threat. If Russia should return to territorial expansion after its first pause for 300 years, there will be little vacillation. Although figuring out the Russian enigma is never easy, responding to aggression on that scale is a

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straightforward choice. Bosnia, and the next conflict which rips up any of the delicate ethnic patchworks between Trieste and Tallinn, pose far tougher dilemmas.

An alliance that wants to stay be both a political forum *and* a military insurance against war should:

☐ Start by admitting that the institutions designed for the Cold War are ill-suited to being scaffolded together into a "European security architecture" and have failed the test posed by the break-up of Yugoslavia. That confession should be buttressed by an admission of the risks inherent in the slow development of the European Union's "common defence".

Nato's communiqué tomorrow will contain fulsome praise for the idea of a "European security and defence identity", which holds the promise for an inward-looking American administration of gradually reducing its military commitments in Europe. The European Union is profoundly ill-suited to "common defence", even though its complex and hybrid structure has proved excellent at pushing forward economic integration. The EU stubbornly resists conversion into a political federation capable of speaking or acting with one voice.

Economic entanglement has always aimed for the consolidation of democratic stability and reducing the risk of war. Extending those benefits eastwards is the great moral task of the next generation. In this work, the EU can do more for the safety and integrity of Poles, Hungarians and Czechs than Nato can ever manage with its delicate verbal balances between Eastern European and Russian interests. But the EU has too many divergent interests held by states of different size to wield military clout.

☐ Allow a three-state driving force to set agendas for the growing array of decision-making forums. The zig-zag decisions of the Yugoslav crisis will be repeated if the American, British and French governments do not co-ordinate their intelligence, and planning more tightly.

If President Clinton believes in the American leadership to which he frequently refers, he should invite Mr Major and Eduard Balladur, the French prime minister, to plan common strategies for peacemaking which may be needed in Eastern Europe and the Balkans to prevent small conflicts from escalating. Placing blind faith in institutions that do not so much interlock as interblock is no longer enough.

The creation of an informal transatlantic triangle designed to drive hard decisions through in New York and Brussels would cause huge offence in Germany and elsewhere. The dismay will be worthwhile if such exclusion encourages Germany to allow its soldiers to join peacekeeping contingents outside Nato states.

The "revitalisation" of the partnership between America and Europe would gain from the additional moves:

☐ The British government should offer to join the Franco-German "Eurocorps". The French and German governments have agreed that their 50,000-strong unit is available to Nato, removing the worry that it might undermine the alliance. If Britain joined, the Eurocorps might fuse with Nato's own "Rapid Reaction Corps".

☐ The osmotic integration of East European states into full Nato membership should concentrate as much on peacekeeping and flexible intervention in brushfire conflicts as on classic national defence. The question of extending Nato's defence guarantee to the east has been made dependent on Russia's mood but it also turns on the willingness of existing Nato members to defend potentially vulnerable states.

Eastern Europe can find out the value of Nato's guarantee by watching its heart beat in the integrated military commands. The Atlantic states can build and test their resolve to make bigger defence commitments by taking the acceptable risk of letting East Europeans rehearse inside its command machinery.

☐ Britain should take its defence co-operation with France several steps further and joint exercises between rapid reaction forces should be geared to high-risk interventions in conflict zones.

☐ With defence budgets falling, the EU can make one big contribution to economic discipline. The Maastricht treaty retains article 223 of the Treaty of Rome which exempts defence procurement from the rules of the single market. The clause must be rewritten to introduce competition in armaments where transparency will not compromise secret research.

☐ America's wish to disengage and shift some defence responsibilities to Europe should only create strong networks, not more baggy groupings unable to define their aims and the means to achieve them. The ten-nation Western European Union inside Nato is in no position to take new members who cannot accept the obligations of Nato membership and have no resources to set up as a rival centre of power.

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# If this is Monday, it must be Belgium

FROM GEORGE BROCK AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN BRUSSELS

PRESIDENT Clinton flew into what he calls "Yerp", and most people Europe, intent on spreading the message that he would love to have visited sooner, but somehow did not quite get round to booking the tickets.

To make up for lost diplomacy, Mr Clinton is crossing the Continent from the Atlantic to the Urals in four days, trying to scatter reassurance wherever he goes. Like Margaret Thatcher before him, he provides living proof that the single most important quality for any politician is stamina. During his travels he will visit five capitals and meet 23 presidents and prime ministers. Nor, with the death of his mother last Thursday and her funeral on Saturday, did he have any chance to rest in preparation for his gruelling travels, arriving in Brussels yesterday in circumstances that would have left lesser men physically drained and emotionally shattered.

Admittedly he did look a little subdued, but he told reporters that he was "glad to be here. My family and friends and mother's friends, we had a wonderful day yesterday and I'm doing what I should be doing. I'm glad to have the opportunity to be here and go back to work." For



President Clinton with King Albert of Belgium at the royal palace in Laeken, on the outskirts of Brussels

him, "work" will involve telling Western Europe today and tomorrow that members of his Administration did not really mean it when they said that Europe was no longer so important.

Eastern Europe's governments, in turn, will be dropping hints that they are at the front of the queue to join Nato. President Yeltsin, however, will hear that Nato will not expand in the face of Russia's objections.

Packing so much soothing of frayed European nerves into such a short time takes organisation. The Clinton party, counting the White House press corps, numbers some 700 people and had to be preceded by a 140-strong advance team.

Informal events require the most elaborate state management. The White House carefully vetted every one of the 125 European Commission trainees selected to join the audience of young Europeans in Brussels town hall last night. They whittled the list down to 72 and had written instructions sent to each one forbidding them to ask the President any questions.

"It would be nice if he sat on a barstool and played the sax, but I don't suppose he's likely to do so so soon after his mother's death," said one prospective member of the audience. Mr Clinton had to speak in the town hall because the European parliament turned him down. In a reply which still makes US officials shake their heads in bafflement, the parliament's panjandrums told the White House that they could not be sure that enough MEPs would turn up.

No American presidential visit is complete without a row with the French. Worried about the events due to be packed into the schedule for Tuesday, Washington asked Nato's 15 other leaders if they could start the second day at 8am. A stiff brush-off arrived from the Elysée Palace: no French president ever starts work before 9.30.

# Military chiefs prepare to woo the French

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE leaders of Nato are expected to approve new ways to give the European members more responsibility for their own defence, as American forces in central Europe are cut back to 100,000, at the Brussels summit today.

Heads of government will agree that Nato can lend key military assets to the Western European Union (WEU), designated by the Maastricht Treaty as the future defence arm of the European Union. The alliance will also make its military command structure more flexible through a scheme known as combined joint task forces, under which units from Nato, and also non-Nato, countries could be merged in a mix-and-match force for peacekeeping missions. The Americans proposed the plan involving setting up multinational headquarters units within Nato's military structure that can be detached for missions outside Europe and lent to other bodies such as the WEU, now based in Brussels, or the United Nations.

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The plan would allow Europe to mount a military operation without American ground troops in cases where Washington did not want to be involved, although American capabilities such as airlift and sealift systems could be used. This scheme and the bigger role for the WEU will meet the twin objectives of resolving the search for a realistic European defence identity and finding ways of drawing the French into a closer military relationship with Nato.

Last week officials in Paris disclosed that a decision had been taken to allow the French defence minister and chief of staff to attend Nato meetings in limited special cases for the first time in 28 years. Although it means that France will remain semi-detached from Nato, it is seen as another sign of growing French interest in working more intimately within the alliance military framework. The most important issue for the French is how Nato adapts to the emergence of a European defence identity. The Brussels summit could give them the answer they want.

Interviewed yesterday on BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, John Major denied that the *Partnership for Peace* scheme, which will be offered as a first step towards possible membership of the alliance, meant that Russia, which has warned against expansion eastwards, was calling the tune. Underlining the importance of maintaining the Nato alliance, Mr Major warned: "We need to make sure we don't let our military guard down. Despite the capacity there is, and has been, for reductions in military expenditure, nobody is going to take those too far."

☐ **Washington:** The Clinton Administration will protest to Bonn over Germany's increasingly friendly ties with Iran amid signs that the Kohl government has allowed Tehran to renegotiate, on favourable terms, its sizeable debt with German banks and trading houses.

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Petrol station survives amid smouldering ruins of affluent New South Wales suburb

# Ill wind whips up bush fires in Sydney

■ The anticipated lull in the Australian inferno was cruelly deceiving. As fatigue reduces firefighters' efficiency, residents are braced for yet another threat: looting



A father carrying his weeping child from their fire-ringed home in North Shore, nine miles from the business district of Sydney

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN JANNALI, SOUTH SYDNEY

PHIL McGilvaray, from Weston-super-Mare, was in charge of the Shell service station in the affluent southern Sydney suburb of Jannali when the long-anticipated lull in the New South Wales bush fires viciously exploded. A searing wind stirred fires that wiped out 89 houses in two hours — the worst in a week of horrifying bush fires.

Mr McGilvaray, 21, had to choose on Saturday whether to accede to the demands of local firefighters and refuel their engines as the flames reared up over neighbouring roofs. "I could not take the risk, not with the sparks flying everywhere," he said at work yesterday, as local buildings still burned. "The wind picked up, the flames were in sight."

The petrol station survived. But the idyllic suburb of Jannali, 15 miles south of Sydney, and close to Sylvania Waters, of BBC documentary fame, was the worst-hit area in a weekend that no one, after a week of Australia's most destructive bush fires, believed could get worse.

Residents of this community of Aus$500,000 (£227,000) houses, perched in lush bush on a rocky escarpment overlooking fjords and oyster-beds, had minutes to flee. Yesterday morning, neighbours returned to find out whose homes had survived. An ill wind and the effects of local topography left wrecks smouldering next to miraculously untouched properties. Russell Neville's home survived amid four charred ruins — on the morning his parents arrived from Britain for a holiday.

At 39 Lincoln Crescent, a woman died as flames roared over the swimming pool she and her two daughters dived into for safety. "They say she had loaded the girls into the car," said neighbours Shirley Anderson and Marge Ward, examining the remains of the gutted home and the car; the windscreen and steering wheel had melted. "It seems she thought she didn't have enough time to escape and so dived into the pool," said Mrs Anderson.

Next door on a balcony, a group of young girls laughed with their parents as they cleaned up minor damage, lucky to be alive. "You just didn't know which way to go," Mrs Anderson said. "I said to my husband, 'Hon, I think you'd better get off that couch. I think we'd better leave now'. It was all upon us so quickly. Terrifying. And our houses were saved by a miracle."

At No. 8, Barry Brewer recalled: "There was a knock at the door and a fireman shouted, 'Get out and get out now'. My wife and I jumped in the car as the flames were coming up Washington Drive."

After they had gone, the flames stopped at the Brewers' back door. Mr Brewer looked at his blackened garden yesterday and said: "We had a lot of green bush because Rhonda [his wife] was always watering it. That saved us, I think."

Their neighbours, the Miles family, left a hastily written note on their gate before fleeing: "Robert, Peter, Coral and Norma are safe at Brett's. We appreciate the bravery of those who helped and of the support of our friends and neighbours."

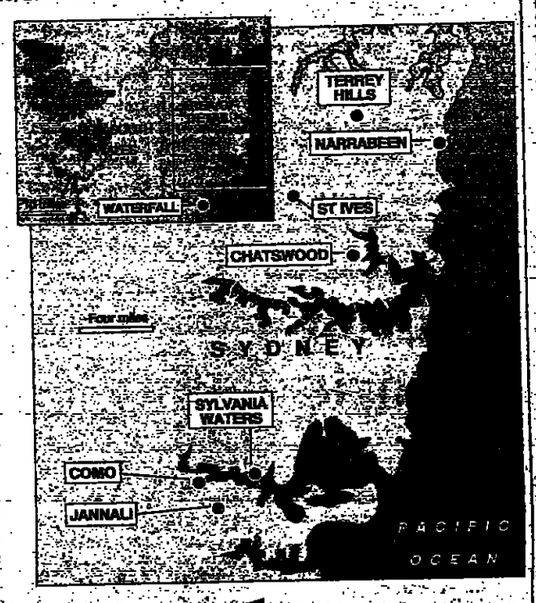
They returned yesterday to find the note intact; behind it their house was a smouldering ruin. It was still burning as Mr Miles sifted through the remains with the help of Mr and Mrs Brewer and secured what was left against a new threat of looting.

There are simply not the necessary resources to stop the bush fires in New South Wales. Fatigue is fast reducing the firefighters' effectiveness despite their efforts. Still the blazes rage on. Late yesterday afternoon the risk lingered in Jannali. A fresh spot fire was being hosed down by David Sandford, who has had five hours' sleep since Thursday. "There's still a danger that it could flare up again, especially with this wind."

Phil Robinson, the district fire officer, has set up his command post in Bindea Street and Soldiers Road, Jannali, beside the community's burnt-out school building. At 5pm yesterday, he took an emergency call demanding his fire tenders go to the neighbouring community of Waterfall. "It's just gone up — the same as here yesterday," Mr Robinson said. Facing the terrible dilemma of too many fires and not enough crews, he said: "We are sending four appliances down there."

Despite the risks, Jannali's families are returning and carrying on with life with a curious semblance of normality in their burnt-out streets. But there is the mystery of missing neighbours. "We've confirmed the loss of one life," said Mr Robinson. "Some families, though, are still unaccounted for — so either they are on holiday or they are in their houses, where there wouldn't be much left of them with so much damage and roofs caved in. It will take a few days to find out. It has been absolute mayhem. We'll go back later."

In its 200 years, Australia has never faced such a natural disaster. Organisations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army are working well beyond their capacity. With telephones failing through overuse, the Telecom company has appealed to worried relatives not to check on the welfare of missing family members in an effort to keep the lines clear solely for the firefighting effort.




# Flames rise from the ashes to consume more homes



Firemen preparing to defend a home from the encroaching flames in Eleanora Heights, a north Sydney suburb

BY ROBERT COCKBURN

AUSTRALIA'S bush fires grew seriously worse yesterday after firefighters and residents had been lulled into a false sense of security by the easing of the heatwave.

An unexpected rise in wind speed and change of direction brought fresh devastation with little or no warning. The worst affected communities were the southern Sydney suburbs of Jannali and Como, where at least one person was killed and 89 homes and a school were destroyed in a two-hour firestorm late on Saturday. Visiting the area yesterday, John Fahey, the New South Wales Premier, described the scene as "a battlefield".

Exhausted firefighters were last night being sent from the devastation at Jannali to defend the neighbouring community of Waterfall from a huge blaze fanned to fury by a southwesterly wind. ABC radio was last night reporting that a scout troop was missing, feared trapped in the fire area.

Emergency services were yesterday repairing damaged power and telephone lines in northern Sydney. As they worked, fresh fires took hold in the afternoon, threatening the residential areas of St Ives and Terrey Hills.

After a week of battling the blazes, the 7,000-plus firefighters are suffering fatigue and can hardly cope with further strain. Many are being counselled for the trauma of witnessing the loss of property and life. Residents have been seen screaming at firefighters to save their homes as they have abandoned areas, driven out by the flames. Concern is also growing over new blazes in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, which claimed homes and farms at the weekend. Whole families are sleeping rough in parks and on the sides of roads when they cannot reach evacuation centres. With road and railway links cut off in and out of Sydney, thousands of travellers and holidaymakers have been stranded in their cars for days in temperatures sometimes peaking at 40C (104F).

Everyone talks of the unpredictable and arbitrary nature of the fires. A large blaze that destroyed homes in Chatswood stopped a few yards short of the local funeral company and crematorium. On Saturday more than 1,000 Second World War veterans were evacuated from a nursing home as fire approached in Narrabeen.

# Explosions bolster rebel campaign in Mexico

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS

PEASANTS who launched a rebellion in southern Mexico on New Year's Day, vowing to overthrow the government, apparently spread their campaign with weekend explosions in Mexico City and Acapulco, injuring a woman.

While 12,000 troops continued to mop up Indian guerrilla activity in the southern state of Chiapas where the uprising started, the government and the Zapatista National Liberation Army offered rival efforts to establish a dialogue to end the fighting.

The rebels sent a fax to a Mexico City newspaper proposing a dialogue with the government to be mediated by Mgr Samuel Ruiz, the bishop of San Cristóbal, Rigoberta Menchu, the Guatemalan Indian activist who won the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize, and a prominent journalist. The letter, whose authenticity has not been verified, said the rebels had no weapons "to defend ourselves and not die of hunger ... just sticks and astuteness". It also called on Mexicans to join their cause.

Mgr Ruiz accepted the rebel invitation to mediate, saying: "We have to act in these moments of anguish and hope." But in an apparent rejection of the guerrilla offer, President Salinas de Gortari announced his own initiative, setting up a special commission "to facilitate dialogue". Its members would be three prominent figures from Chiapas, including a local senator, a writer and an anthropologist. However, the government made no reference to the Zapatistas and it was not clear if the dialogue was meant to include them.

The guerrilla offer is unlikely to be acceptable to the government which has long been at odds with Mgr Ruiz, a radical known by his detractors as the "Red Bishop".

Only two months ago, Girulano Prigione, the Papal Nuncio in Mexico City, accused the bishop of "grave doctrinal and pastoral errors" in what many see as a campaign by the Vatican to remove him. Mgr Ruiz denied the charges and has requested an audience with the Pope to "clarify" his situation.

In his Sunday homily in San Cristóbal, Mgr Ruiz pleaded for a ceasefire and dialogue to resolve the fundamental causes of the uprising. He prayed for all those who have died, now estimated at well over 100. Although condemning the violence, he dedicated his homily to a defence of Indian rights, saying that the uprising was the result of years of injustice and discrimination.

On Saturday, a bomb exploded in a car park under a shopping centre in Mexico City and a grenade was thrown at a government building in the resort of Acapulco. No one claimed responsibility. The chief suspects are the Zapatistas, or left-wing groups acting in solidarity with the Chiapas uprising. Five thousand pro-rebel demonstrators protested in front of the Interior Ministry in Mexico City shouting "Assassins!" and calling on the government to "Stop the genocide in Chiapas." On Friday night, 10,000 anti-government protesters marched through the capital.

The government blamed the Zapatistas for blowing up three high-voltage electricity pylons in Puebla and Michoacan states, east and west of Mexico City. Shortly before the uprising, the rebels stole more than 1.5 tonnes of dynamite from Mexico's state-owned oil company.

# Court to decide whether wife may put her man asunder

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE trial opens today in Virginia of Lorena Bobbitt, 24, who is accused of maliciously wounding her husband by cutting off his penis while he slept. If convicted, she faces a maximum 20-year sentence.

The trial is taking place in the same Manassas courtroom where, last November, John Wayne Bobbitt, 26, was acquitted of sexually assaulting his wife. But Mrs Bobbitt, her lawyers and supporters insist that she is a blameless victim of marital cruelty driven to violence by years of sexual abuse.

The act that divided Mr Bobbitt in two (he was later reunited, thanks to the skill of two Virginia surgeons) has also split the nation: simply put, most American men have at least a squirming sympathy for Mr Bobbitt's fate, whatever he may have done to his wife; most American women feel that he deserved to be punished in some way, however medieval the retribution meted out by Mrs Bobbitt.

"It is the perfect allegory for the escalating gender war," says Naomi Wolf, the feminist writer. Susan Estrich, a law professor, considers Mrs Bobbitt's dexterity with a knife "every man's worst nightmare and many women's occasional fantasy".

What began as a spectacularly ugly marital brawl has been tranformed into a crucial battle in America's war of the sexes. "Most women feel very sympathetic to her," says Joyce Brothers, a psychologist. Some feel more than that, such as the elderly Brooklyn woman who thought Mrs Bobbitt should have removed her husband's testicles as well.

Mrs Bobbitt says that on the night in question her husband returned home drunk and raped her for the second time in five days. A jury last November disbelieved that claim and Mr Bobbitt was allowed to walk (rather slowly) from the court a free man, to the anger of many women.

If Mrs Bobbitt's claim of temporary insanity is rejected this week and she is found guilty, the reaction from American womanhood is likely to be still more intense. There has been one similar case of emasculation in California.

The trial is being broadcast live across America, while outside the Manassas courthouse thousands of offensively captioned T-shirts are selling fast to the milling media. President Clinton and Al Gore, the Vice-President, have worked references to Mr Bobbitt into their "off-the-cuff" remarks.



Lorena Bobbitt: charge of malicious wounding

The word "Bobbitt" is now part of popular speech, as in "Next time you come home reeking of gin at four in the morning I'm going to Bobbitt you." One of the most widely broadcast songs in Virginia is one with the chorus "She could have just trashed my car, but she went too far."

Hollywood agents are already competing to bring the nasty facts of the Bobbitt case to a still wider world via television docudrama. Consider the action: he, a former marine with tattoos on his biceps; she, a tiny Ecuadorean of fiery Latin temperament, her surgical skills honed by a manicurist's training. They fight, he sleeps, she swipes and then runs off with the offending item still in hand. He staggers to hospital; she, meanwhile, realises she has not entirely let go of her husband, screams, and jettisons his manhood out of the car window at 45mph.

It is discovered by a local fireman (a tricky part to play, this one), packed in ice by the man from the supermarket and finally reattached to Mr Bobbitt by the magic of modern surgery. Professional scriptwriters could not do better, but they will.

The closing act of the drama in court is expected to take three days, at the end of which, with a sigh of relief heard from shore to shore, a hundred million American males can finally think about something else.

OVERSEAS IN BRIEF

## Muslims cut road to Croat enclave

Belgrade: British United Nations troops braved fierce fighting yesterday to rescue fleeing civilians in central Bosnia-Herzegovina (Tim Judah writes). In a pre-dawn attack, Muslim forces were reported to have cut the road that links two halves of a Croatian enclave.

The upsurge in fighting around Vitez came as President Izetbegovic of Bosnia prepared to meet his Croatian counterpart, Franjo Tudjman, in Bonn in a renewed attempt to halt the war in central Bosnia. Fighting kept Sarajevo airport closed on Saturday, when the talks were supposed to have begun, and a shell damaged the runway yesterday, again delaying his departure.

Before leaving, Mr Izetbegovic said: "To be frank, I do not expect any big progress, any big breakthrough."

Bosnia's Muslim-led army is attempting to eliminate Croatian enclaves in central Bosnia to try to create a viable rump Muslim republic. This means that thousands of people will have to move once the borders of the Serb, Muslim and Croat republics are fixed. Some 15,000 people fled the Vares pocket when it was taken over by Muslims late last year. In Vitez and Busovaca there are 65,000 people. Other Croatian enclaves include Zepce and Kiseljak.

The virtual elimination of a historic Croatian presence in central Bosnia is due to an underestimation by Croat politicians of the Muslim will to fight, and their having opted for ethnic division. The Bonn summit is a prelude to a resumption of the Geneva partition process.

## Mir mission to set new record

Moscow: Dr Valeri Polyakov, 51, a veteran Russian cosmonaut, has blasted off at the start of a record-breaking space mission expected to last 429 days. The present record is 366 days.

A Soyuz spacecraft carrying him and two crew, who will stay in space for a shorter time, took off from Baikonur at the weekend to join the Mir space station. Dr Polyakov's mission is to test the effects of long periods of weightlessness. *(Reuter)*

## Killer of BBC crew jailed

Ankara: Hasim Ciftci, a Turkish Kurd, has been jailed for 26 years for the murders of two BBC journalists in northern Iraq. He was found guilty of killing Nick Della Casa and Charles Maxwell, for whom he acted as guide in northern Iraq in 1991.

Della Casa's wife Rosanna, the third member of the BBC team, is missing but her death was not proved because her body has not been found. Ciftci has admitted to killing the two men but said he had freed the woman. *(Reuter)*

## Dam review

Delhi: India has halted work on the Narmada dam, widely criticised by environmentalists. The decision is the first tacit admission that crucial environmental questions need to be answered and that relocation of tribal villagers has been a human rights fiasco.

## Strife feared

New York: Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, wants up to 20,000 troops to remain in Somalia after US forces withdraw. He says that, without an adequate UN presence, there will be an early return to war. *(Reuter)*

## Soldiers die

Kampala: Twenty-eight Sudanese government troops were killed in clashes with the Sudan People's Liberation Army in the southern town of Kaya bordering Uganda, rebel sources said. *(AFP)*

## Waco cult trial

San Antonio, Texas: Three Britons are among 11 members of the Branch Davidian cult whose trial for conspiracy to commit murder and other offences starts today. The religious cult kept authorities at bay for 51 days last year before their Waco compound went up in flames. *(AFP)*

## Burgers off

Tehran: Iranian authorities ordered a hamburger restaurant to serve strictly Persian food after Islamic activists accused it of being the first branch of the McDonalds chain here. *(AFP)*

## Lord Archer's convoy brings comfort and hope to Saddam's opponents in northern Iraq

# Major pledges continued support for Kurd cause

FROM TOM RHODES IN SULAYMANIYAH, NORTHERN IRAQ

AS THE flatlands of eastern Turkey melted into the distance, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare came into his own. At the border crossing into the Kurdish area of Iraq he jumped from his van and took control. Jeffrey Archer, writer, had been here before.

"We'll need your passports," he barked. "I am determined to get you all through here in under an hour, a world record." His aides collected the documents from his entourage, which included a Foreign Office staff member, two private citizens and his bearded son, Will, a student at Georgetown University, Washington. A mere 36 minutes later, the party was through.

A welcoming committee of more than 200 peshmerga guerrillas and civilians, clearly delighted by his return, had waited patiently for his arrival. After a quick shaking of hands and a short speech, however, Lord Archer was in the back of a four-wheel drive vehicle and off. There would be no stopping, he said, until he reached his destination, the headquarters of Masseud Barzani in Salahuddin. Lord Archer's last similar trip, after raising £57 million through his Simple Truth appeal, was two years ago. There had been various difficulties, including being trapped in snow. This time the route was clear.

Sixteen hours after leaving Istanbul, Lord Archer was shaking hands with Mr Barzani at his hilltop fortress. Along the way his convoy had swelled to at least 30 vehicles. In his five-day tour of the region, Lord Archer had a simple message for the Kurds: Britain would continue to support them, and British aircraft would remain in southern Turkey to police the no-fly zone for at least another six months.

These tidings were brought directly to the newly elected Kurdish parliament from




Chequers. The Kurds may complain about the way in which Operation Provide Comfort, the allied coalition effort to offer security and sustenance, is organised, but they are only too aware of what could happen without it.

In the public gallery at the national assembly building in Arbil, as Lord Archer delivered his message from John Major, at least one Kurdish spectator was still unsure of the name. "Is it Lord Arthur?" he asked. This, too, Lord Archer has been through before: on his last visit he gained a variety of Kurdish sobriquets, from "Mr Archie" to "Sir Gefry".

After reading out the Prime Minister's letter, he said: "There is a famous saying that *the Kurds have no friends* but the mountains. That is no longer the case: you now have friends throughout the world."

The Kurds were certainly grateful for the attention focused on them by Lord Archer's visit. "He not merely brings us publicity again after many months," said a leading politician, "but also confidence for our people, who feel they may have been forgotten by the international community."

The Kurds were amazed by Lord Archer's punishing schedule. Rarely did a day start later than 8am, and meetings around dinner tables invariably went late into the night. "I want you to see as much as is humanly possible in the time available," he told his entourage one night.

TOM RHODES



Lord Archer surrounded by Kurdish children in Qushtapa, northern Iraq, where 8,000 men were captured by Iraqi forces in 1983. None has been seen since

And see it they did, from the pitiful refugee settlements to the headquarters of both main parties some three hours apart. He took his party on a 12-hour round trip to Halabja, scene of President Saddam Hussein's genocidal chemical attack on the Kurds in 1988.

Along the way Lord Archer was told the country lacked any cogent infrastructure, 80 per cent of its 3.5 million population was unemployed, and the United Nations embargo combined with Saddam's own blockade affected everything from electricity to the ability to provide work.

At Kalak, he was shown the bridge leading back into Iraq proper. On the other side Iraqi troops could be seen searching cars returning to the Kurdish region. One family had just spent three days in Baghdad getting emergency medicine for their mother. They had come back empty-handed — the medicine and most of their petrol had been "requisitioned" by the Iraqis at the checkpoint.

## Israel and PLO start new round of talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI and Palestinian negotiators returned to the Egyptian resort of Taba yesterday to resume their deadlocked talks, with the two sides already disagreeing on how long their dialogue will last.

Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator, predicted that the two sides could resolve all their differences within "three weeks". However, Israeli ministers predicted that negotitions could drag on for several weeks.

Fears that the Palestine Liberation Organisaion will run an autocratic state were reflected in a report by B'Tselem, the Israeli human rights organisation, which has accused Palestinian activists of killing hundreds and torturing thousands of fellow Arabs suspected of collaborating with Israel.

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# Masai push for Leakey removal as wildlife chief

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

MASAI leaders launched a campaign of public vilification against Richard Leakey, the head of Kenya's game parks, accusing him of being a racist and a dictator as 25 local councils backed demands for his dismissal yesterday.

Last night the government ordered an investigation into Kenya Wildlife Services. Noah Katana Ngala, the Tourism Minister, expressed support for Dr Leakey, its head, but said he was concerned about some of the organisation's activities, and the enquiry would study reported malpractices. The assault on Dr Leakey was led by William Ole Ntimama, the Local Government Minister and a Masai, who accused Dr Leakey of favouring his "white friends" by moving animals into their private sanctuaries and for being "insensitive" over the issue of compensation due to 16 Masai families who have lost members to wild animals since 1990.

Dr Leakey has been the target of a growing campaign for his dismissal since he returned to work after having his legs amputated follwing an air crash last year. Mr Ntimama, an exponent of "ethnic cleansing" of rival Kikuyu tribesmen from Masai areas, has enlisted the support of local councils bordering game parks and reserves in his call for Dr Leakey's removal.

He criticised Dr Leakey for allegedly failing to distribute revenues from the game parks to local councils and claimed that the parks contribute 80 per cent of Kenya's tourist revenue.

Tour operators and the World Bank leapt to Dr Leakey's defence. The bank said it was happy with his use of donor funds and several tour operators said that Dr Leakey was under attack because he refused to put up with political interference. The leading daily, *The Nation*, also defended him. "He has provided effective security for endangered species, improved park infrastructure, attracted large amounts of donor money and projected a positive image of Kenya abroad," it said.

Dr Leakey was appointed in 1989 to salvage Kenya's then chaotic game department and combat the poaching of ivory and rhino horn. His success at the wildlife organisation, which under him has won the war against poachers and reversed the decline of Kenya's elephant and rhino populations as well as netted hundreds of millions of pounds in donor support for conservation in Kenya, has inevitably brought him into conflict with local politicians.

Dr Leakey was refusing to comment last night.



Leakey: caught up in tribal conflict

# New Paris paper fuels price war

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

A PRICE war opens among French newspapers today with the launch of a daily, backed by the venerable *Le Monde*, that aims to attract young affluent readers who have no time for the country's traditionally long-winded press.

*InfoMatin*, the latest in a history of attempts to rekindle France's waning appetite for newspapers, sells for a modest three francs (35p), compared with six or seven francs for the main "quality" dailies, *Le Figaro*, *Libération* and *Le Monde*. A week before *InfoMatin* launch, *Le Parisien*, the biggest-selling national newspaper, attempted to spike its guns by starting a slimmed-down edition at 3.50 francs.

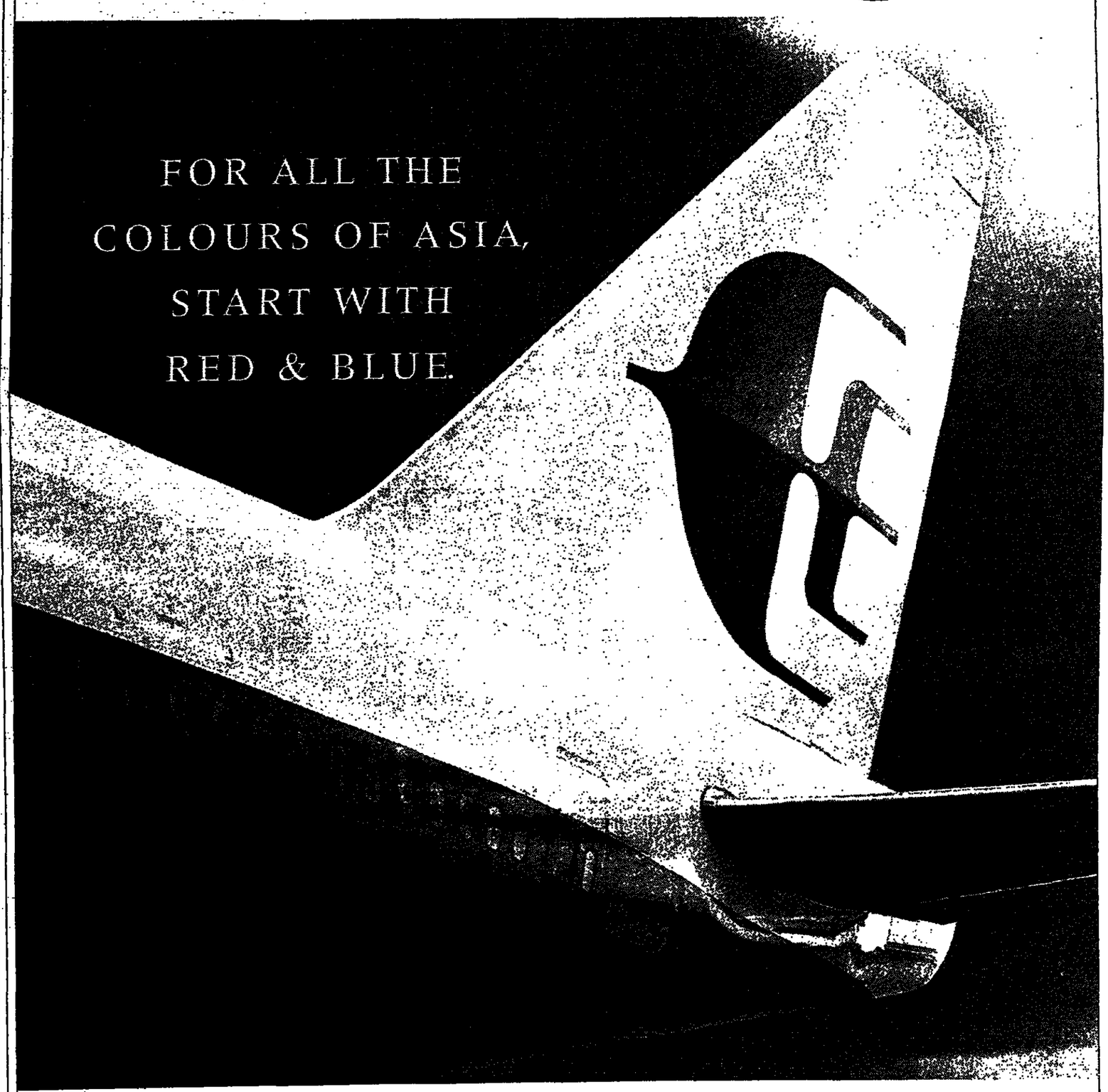
The new papers are being launched at a time when the French press is suffering its biggest losses for decades, squeezed by the recession, the loss of advertisers and by the desertion of younger customers, who prefer to absorb their news from television. The Gaullist-led government has just handed several million pounds in subsidies to the print media.

Nine out of ten French people read no newspaper, according to the latest figures. The Gallic press enjoys nothing like the circulation of its British equivalent. *Le Parisien*, a tabloid aimed at the lower social categories, overtook *Le Figaro* to top the national league last year when its circulation passed 415,000. The last attempt to launch a new paper was *Le Jour*, a daily with a young, irreverent tone, that lasted only four months.

*InfoMatin*, which is founded by four former advertising executives and is believed by the markets to have finance from the Hollinger group of Canada and Sweden's Bonnier, is printed on *Le Monde's* presses. Its pages are barely larger than a small magazine. It uses colour throughout, lavish graphics and extremely brief articles in the style pioneered by the American *USA Today*, a daily which aimed for the same market in the mid-1980s.

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She who has always been obeyed is alive and well, and knows exactly what to do with an errant junior minister

# Suffolk Woman shows no mercy

I have, so far, been silent on this matter; but I really must step forward as an expert witness. It concerns this latest socio-pundits' discovery, Suffolk Woman, and her sisters in every other rural county. It is time someone with real experience of the breed upped and said that the most astonishing thing about the whole Yeo débâcle was that anyone could have ever entertained, for one minute, the hope that the Suffolk South constituency party would let the man off the hook.

There was never a chance. The hope — expressed in various petulant interviews by the ex-minister and hinted at by John Major — rested entirely on the ludicrous belief that the ladies of Haverhill would funk the kill.

These naive optimists thought that the party stalwarts would be awed by Prime Ministerial clout and meekly forgive their Member both his indiscretion and his earlier sin of making himself scarce on the garden-fête circuit. Westminster sophisticates clearly thought that Mrs Corrigan and the rest would turn aside the knife out of respect for the Government's broad thrust of policy; which was like hoping that Saddam Hussein would spare the Kuwaiti oil-wells because he felt so sorry for the pretty seagulls.

Not a hope. As every Mafioso knows, when you are dealing with professional killers you stay awake and stay scared; even if they are nominally on your side.

For there is a hidden, powerful tribe in the land and it is fed up of being discounted by the cognoscenti and the chattering-classes. Beneath the quilted jackets, formidable muscles are flexing. The ladies of Haverhill just happened to be a local Tory party, but they could have worn many guises: school governors taking a firm line with a dreamy headteacher, a Parochial Church Council kicking out an errant vicar, supporters of the Save Radio 4 Long Wave campaign, or merely the scourge of some environmental health officer trying to ban wooden spoons from the local Oxfam Bed & Breakfast landlady scheme. Even now, they will be planning their counterstrike to the axing of Thora Hird's *Praise Be!*, and sharpening their claws in case some trendy fool appoints Alexei Sayle or Paula Yates to present the new *Gardeners' Question Time*.



LIBBY PURVES

They know what they like, this tribe, and you cannot brainwash them as you can the flightier sections of the electorate. They admire few politicians, particularly since Mrs Thatcher posted them a rude leaflet about anal sex; and few broadcasters apart from David Attenborough. They hate waste, deplore gimmicks and government advertising, and are magnificently unmoved by innovation.

Ignorant urban commentators talk of blue rinses and M&S outfits, which is rubbish. Trendies, like Mrs Virginia Bottomley, dress at Marks: this tribe is made of sterner stuff. Its formal clothes come from shops with names like *Avril Modes*, between the funeral-parlour and the coal-merchant; its informal ones from the trade stands at Crufts. Its hair is done by Avril's sister, *Maison Pamela*.

The tribe's indifference to fashions in clothes or ideas is a great, unrecognised source of power. These women — and their compliant, semi-retired husbands — have outlasted a lot of men in sharp suits who thought they knew better. They have time, they have determination, they have paid off the mortgage.

They live in rural fastnesses, but ruthlessly milk contacts. A favourite tactic is to telephone their adult (but cowed) journalist children and demand publicity for the current cause. Look in any newspaper almost any day, and you will find some small, local, marginal dispute written up in emotionally partisan terms by someone who does not live anywhere near the locality. This is the result of a fierce mother or aunt (occasionally the editor's) exacting a promise.

They are kindly by inclination, and not at all racist (their friend Stella was a missionary in East Africa and thinks Mr Rushdie was deplorably tactless). They work like demons for chosen charities and make staunch, if depressingly plain-spoken, friends. They are not always right, but once they "draw the line" you will never beat them back. They will not allow the Old Corn Exchange to be made into a gay 'n' lesbian drop-in centre, nor permit any mate Ambridge inhabitants to be banged up in jail just so that the producers can make dubious political points about the workings of English Law. They are patriotisingly fond of English Law: they read a lot of A.P. Herbert.

And if you are their MP, you had better play the dotiful nephew and be as subservient as Bertie Wooster to his Aunt Agatha, as sexless and meek and careful to please. Mr Yeo, frankly, could have learned a lot just by driving over the constituency border for a tutorial with John Gummer.

# How Sir Jim has fixed it for himself

Instinct has told the ageing presenter of Jim'll Fix It to go. **Julia Llewellyn Smith** meets the knight of dreams



Sir Jimmy Savile: "Most people are total creatures of habit, tied to that bed, that job, that family. I wanted to make myself free from restrictions"

JUSTIN SLEE/GUZELIAN

The night before we met, Sir Jimmy Savile OBE had gone for a fish-and-chip supper at Harry Ramsden's, near Leeds. To the waiters' consternation, the self-made millionaire had demanded the pensioner's meal: £2.60 for fish, chips, peas, tea and bread and butter. As if this were not cheek enough, he then asked the waiter if he would give him some tea bags, because he was clean out at home.

"It was like world war three in there," he reminisces happily. "A big performance. They love it actually. Today they'll all be saying 'Guess who came in last night?' It's all a bit of fun. Don't hurt nobody."

Sir Jimmy is 67, but he shows no sign of flagging in his mission to give people a bit of fun, which began when he set up in Leeds the first-ever disco in 1948. He is the son of a bookmaker's clerk and started work as a miner, until he had an accident. He presented the first *Top of the Pops*, 30 years ago this month, has run in 204 marathons and raised more than £30 million for charity.

He is probably best known, however, as the presenter for 20 years of the BBC television programme, *Jim'll Fix It*.

Just before new year, however, Sir Jimmy announced that the next series, starting on January 22, will be his last. The BBC has not yet decided whether to replace him.

He shows no sign of abandoning his whacky disc jockey persona, the huge sunglasses, the hairy chest peeking out from his tracksuit, the bleached (if now balding) barnet and the endless "Now then"s, "'Ows about that"s and "scooby, dooby doo"s. At least that is how he chose to appear when we met at his flat in Leeds (he also has residences in Scarborough, Bournemouth and London, as well as beds at Stoke Mandeville and Broadmoor hospitals). So why stop making people's dreams come true?

"Instinct," he says, chomping on his Castro-like cigar. "Instinct told me after 20 years on *Top of the Pops*, enough's enough and I've had 20 years on *Fixit*. I love the programme to death, but it's a logical move." Entirely logical, if you are a pro, which Sir Jimmy is down to his Nike trainers, to jump before falling ratings mean you are pushed.

So what next? He has said he will tour the country in a van, getting ideas from "ordinary" people about what kind of programmes they would like to see. But maybe not. "You've got to tell people something, you can't say I'm going to live in my bleeding chair," he says, defensively. "I don't know what I'll do next, I'll think of something. If not I'll languish here and watch the trees change colour."

So why not gracefully retire? "Listen love, I retired 30 years ago with the first *Top of the Pops*. From then on big lumps of money rained down on my head. I didn't have to work for a living. My ambition was to be loaded with nothing to do and that's what I got."

Loaded he certainly is, as a result not of his zany antics, but because of the shrewd business brain that lies beneath the bleach. The money comes from his consultancy work, for which he charges a daily rate of five figures.

But Sir Jimmy does not wallow in his wealth. His flat is comfortable but low key. It resembles a middle-grade Holiday Inn, redeemed only by its stunning views of the Yorkshire Dales. His other flats are equally barren. For years he lived in a caravan. He eats whatever comes to hand, rarely drinks and lives in tracksuits. His idea of relaxation is a cycle ride or a few hours on his running machine. His only luxuries are his gold and diamond name bracelet and Rolex watch and his Rolls-Royces (he is currently on his 18th), which he considers investments.

Sir Jimmy is said to give nine-tenths of his income to charity, although he snorts at the idea. "Bollocks! I don't give any money away. I never had it in the first place. What happens is I do a lot of unpaid work for charity, when I could be earning two-and-a-half grand an hour. But no one considers it could be a joy and a pleasure and an honour for me to spend my time that way. I'm doing it to please me."

He is kindness itself to me and the photographer, calling me that evening to check I got home safely. Some people say it is just clever public relations, but it would be a hard act to keep up consistently.

Sir Jimmy has done much for humanity, but he has little time for individuals. Just as he rejects material possessions, he has no interest in close relationships. Countless rumours circulate about his sex life, but no tabloid paper has ever dredged up any evidence of any liaison and whatever the truth may be, his admission that he has never come close to falling in love seems indisputable.

But does he not even have a best friend? "This year I got 720 Christmas cards. Who's the best friend? It'd be hurtful to the others to say." Further than that he will not be drawn.

> 'What I have is ultimate freedom. I'm happy with people but I don't need them like an injection'

He is obsessed with this lack of ties, with being in control, with helping everybody, but being helped by nobody.

He has an almost existential desire for what he calls "ultimate freedom", which explains much about his spartan existence. "Most people are total creatures of habit, tied to that bed, that job, that family. I wanted to make myself free from the restrictions of everyday living.

"What I have is ultimate freedom. I have all the money in the world, no dependants. You can play with this but you have to be quite strong. I'm happy with people but I don't need them like an injection. I could sit here alone morning, noon and night. Most people couldn't do that. It'd drive them round the twist."

He adores fame, which he feels liberates him still further. "You can have enormous fun any time you want. People recognise you, there's always someone to laugh or joke with." As at Harry Ramsden's.

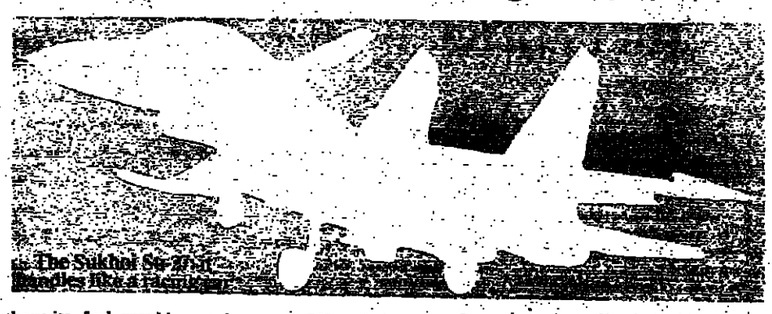
Psychologists could have a field day analysing this desire to control. It seems that he has never got over his luck in escaping from life down the pit. His devotion to his late mother, whom he called the Duchess, is legendary.

He has always said that he was a "not again" child, the youngest of seven, and had to struggle for attention. In his autobiography he claimed that the best five days of his life were those he spent alone with her after her death in 1973. "She was all mine," he wrote. "She belonged to me." Now he takes smug satisfaction in being his siblings' provider.

Sir Jimmy's motivations may not then be saintly, but it seems ungracious to quibble. After all, a lot of people have a bit of fun and nobody, it seems, gets hurt.

# Looking for thrills? Join the jet set

**Maxi Gainza** tried looping the loop in one of the greatest fighter planes



The Sukhoi Su-27 "handles like a racing car"

You only live once, I reasoned, as I watched our speed creep up in Mach 1.4 (1,000 mph) and tried not to think of the hole the indulgence of flying a supersonic jet fighter was burning in my pocket.

Fifty metres away on our left, the lead Sukhoi Su-27 "Flanker" with my friend Dru Montagu on board floated in space, the plane's powder-blue camouflage softening its sleek lines against the sky. Only the vapour trails streaming behind its two massive jet exhausts gave a sense of our meteoric speed.

This, I had to tell myself, is really happening. Here I am, a western civilian, with Dru, a former Royal Navy carrier pilot and a keen fly-fisherman, streaking over the wooded plains of Russia in two of its hottest jet-fighters, arguably the world's finest. The Su-27 was built in the mid-80s to blast us capitalists out of the sky. Now, by one of the quirkiest twists of glasnost, it takes us for joy-rides.

It was Richard Goode, 46, a British management consultant and one of Britain's top aerobatic pilots, who brought this about. Two years ago Mr Goode bought the first Sukhoi Su-26 aerobatic plane to be sold in Western Europe. On taking delivery at Zhukovsky, Russia's flight test centre 45 km south of Moscow, he was struck by the vast array of military aircraft strewn about this former top secret base. Westerners would pay to fly them, he assured his hosts.

When Mr Goode set up his programme earlier this year he thought it would not be long before the Russians put a stop to it or the flow of western Top-Gun wannabees dried up. Yet since the first arrivals last May, 77 people have spent between $4,500 and $50,000 a head to fly at Zhukovsky. Goode now has bookings through to June.

Not all his customers are pilots, or particularly fit, rich, or even young. An 81-year-old has flown the Su-27, having first passed the (none too stringent) medical test, mandatory for pilots and passengers alike. Some come back for more. One Australian who flew the Su-27 has booked a 12-hour, full instruction course.

There are cheaper aircraft to choose from. The legendary MiG-21, for example, goes for $2,800 an hour, barely more than its fuel would cost in Britain. Or you may fly a MiG-29, the ultimate Cold War dogfighter, for $7,200. Or for $10,000 climb 25 kilometres to the edge of space at Mach 3 in a MiG-31, to see the stars shine in daytime. Or else fly military helicopters ($500 and up).

"Maxi, you have control," Sergey Melnikov said to me as we pulled out of a barrel roll and broke formation. The Su-27 is the size of a bus and twice as heavy, but handles like a racing car. A sophisticated computer overrules pilot errors, so even a novice with a strong stomach can throw it around the sky. And with 25 tonnes of thrust available on the throttles, you can break the sound barrier even while climbing vertically.

It is hard to translate the experience of aerobatics at over 500 mph in a jet-fighter: the spine-crushing feel of the G-forces as you pull up or dive thousands of feet in near silence, gasping for breath, ears popping, vision clouding as the blood drains away from the brain — and the ensuing elation of floating weightless on your back like an astronaut, as you coast over the top of a loop or an aileron roll.

Back on the ground, the paradox which is post-Soviet Russia is all too evident. The planes were in mint condition. But all around the base were signs of neglect: faded paint, rusty railings, battered tow trucks, hard-stands in need of resurfacing and long grass everywhere.

Inside the Sukhoi headquarters it was make-do austerity: scant, worn-out furniture, floor-tiles missing, rotten plumbing. Other quarters in the base were even worse. The Sukhoi pilots apologised for the conditions. But the warmth of their hospitality soon lifted the institutional gloom of the place.

Surely it hurt their professional pride to see western amateurs blowing, in 90 seconds of Su-27 flying, what each of them earns in a month? If it did, it didn't show as we gathered in their small, drab mess after the flight for celebratory drinks. My pilot, Sergey, proposed the toast: "to friendship and to flying". Our dollars may keep them in the air, but they knew full well they were giving us something we could never buy at home.

● *For further information on flying at Zhukovsky, contact Richard Goode, the Russian Connection, 28 Bryanston Square, London W1H 7LS (071 491 1266).*


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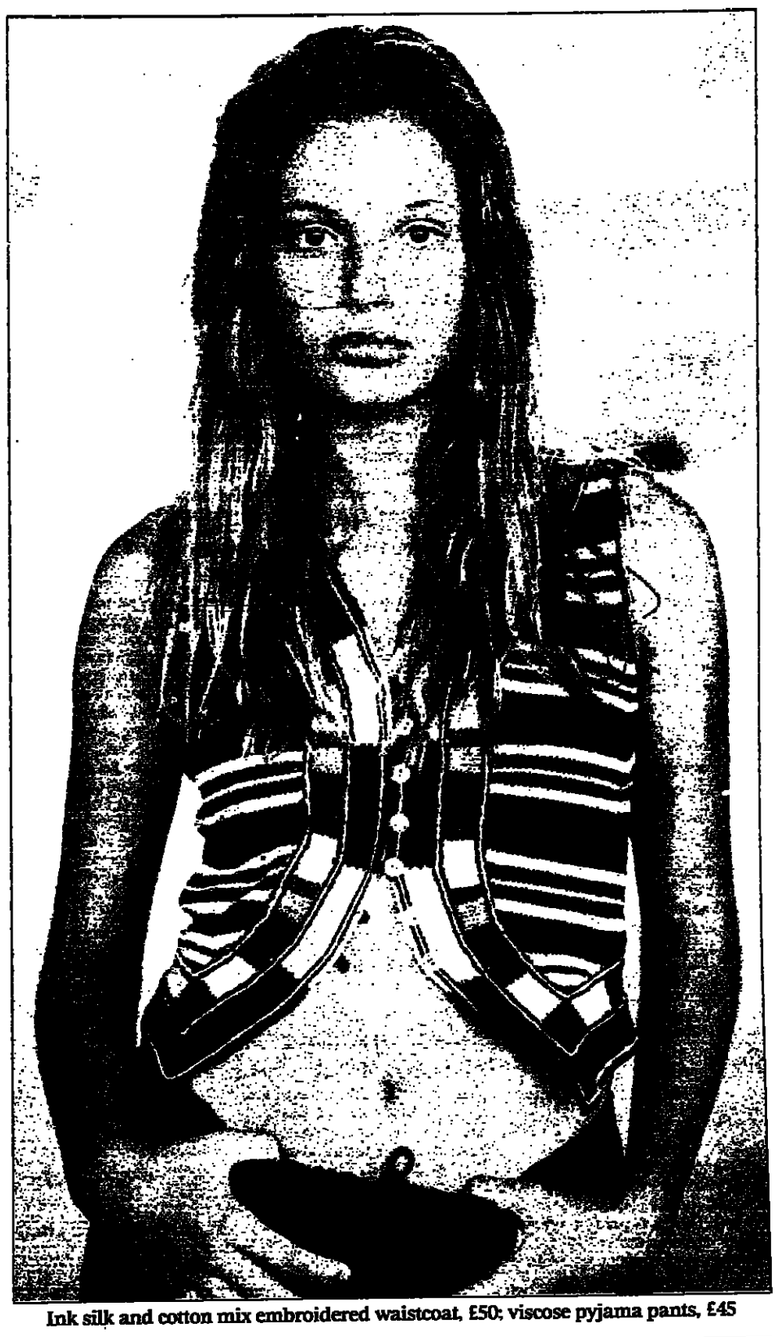
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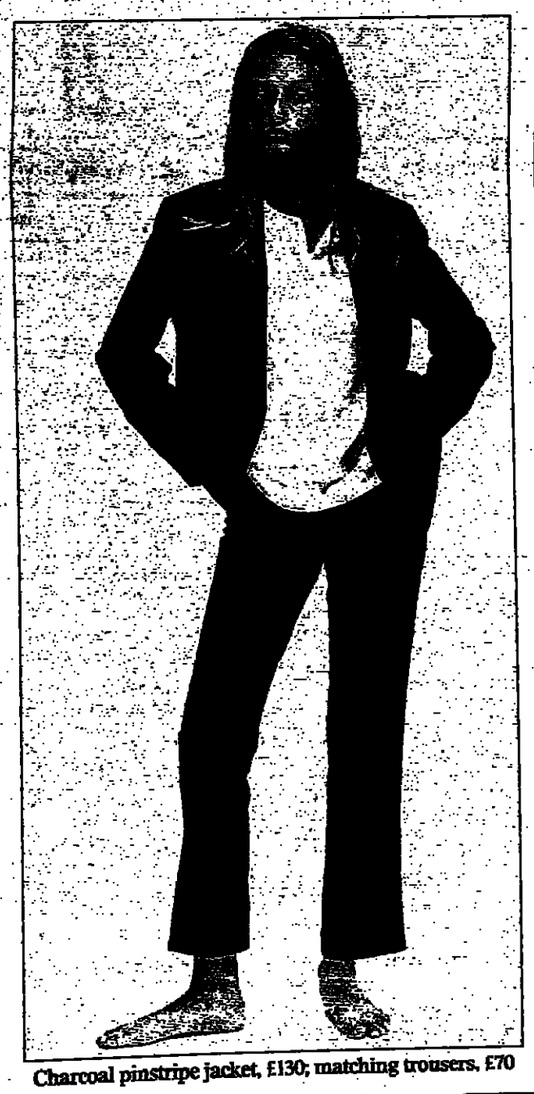
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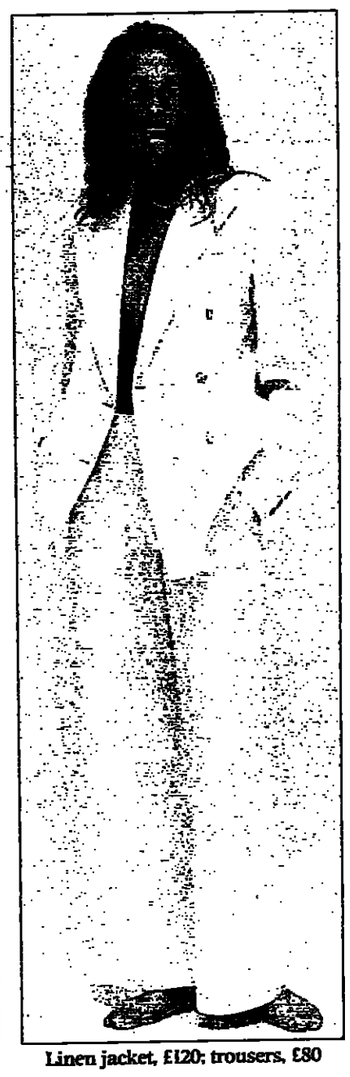
Stephen Marks (picture by Julian Broad)



Charcoal pinstripe jacket, £130; matching trousers, £70



Navy calico Victorian print apron dress, £70



Linen jacket, £120; trousers, £80

'I have yet to discover anybody who finds keeping up with trends easy! Designers find it easy for a certain period of time, and everybody says 'wow, they're the greatest since Kellogg's cornflakes', but then they don't change that much. Then there are others who are never acclaimed as great designers. They manage to keep that newness going. They are called commercial."

Stephen Marks should know what he is talking about. As the chief executive of the fashion company French Connection he has brought fashion merchandise to the general population at an all-important popular price. Not just T-shirts and jeans, not just basics, but real live kicking-and-screaming fashion.

Last October his endeavour was enthusiastically acknowledged by the British fashion industry when French Connection won the More Dash Than Cash award at the Lloyds Bank British Fashion Awards 1993. Marks launched the French Connection label in 1972, having previously traded under his own name, selling suits and coats.

"Originally I didn't want to do it," he says. "Then I visited Hong Kong, and there I discovered that I could buy a shirt for less than it would cost me to make it in England. I realised that everybody was making basic products and bringing them into the country. I thought if I can make fashion cheaper than everybody else, that's got to make sense."

It made a lot of sense.

French Connection has been a constant hit on the high street. No mean feat indeed, but has Marks never hankered after the glamour and the glory of seeing his wares wander down the international catwalks rather than spotting them on street corners?

"I can see no point in making just a few garments," he says. "I have great respect for the designers, but when I hear that they made only 12 of one style, or eight of another, I feel completely shattered. To me it's a waste of talent." Certainly Marks's greatest talent must be his ability to tune into fashion, and produce what is wanted in a marketplace full of stylistic dead-end streets. To do so on such a gigantic scale is almost arcane. French Connection produces about three million garments a year. The womenswear collection for spring/summer 1994 alone has approximately 260 pieces.

Marks does not try to dress up this aptitude any more than he does his product. "We try to make it simple," he says. "We try to give people choice. That means a lot of product. I want to offer a good enough selection so people can put together an individual look."



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Does Marks have a personal vision?

"My image of French Connection is Bridget Hall [the model on this page] looking sensational. The reality of it, because I'm commercially minded, is to try to bring that look to the public at a price which is competitive."

This season in particular he has underlined the important themes. The mood is a mixture of spartan understatement, and bohemian naivity, reminiscent of Marks's start in the business when he introduced his customers to cheesecloth and Indian embroidered dresses. "I can hear myself saying things I said 15 years ago, and I find myself being a pain in the ass to the designers, because they haven't seen what I've seen."

He gets serious feedback from his 18-year-old daughter Candice (from a previous relationship with the designer Nicole Farhi — Marks is also chief executive of the Nicole Farhi label) and her friends.

Another close collaborator is Alisa Green, contributing fashion editor to *Elle* magazine, whom Marks married last May. "The image has been very important this year. Alisa has done that. Getting married has been a major plus.

"I like to listen to other people," Marks says. "I may not agree with them, but I don't learn anything by talking. I only learn if I listen."

● All clothes pictured are by French Connection and available from 140 Kings Rd, London SW3 and branches nationwide. Enquiries: 071 580 2507.

Photographer: EAMONN J. McCABE. Hair: Sally Francomb. Make-up: Leanne Hirsh. Stylist: Alisa Green

## HOTLINE

● SCORNED by schoolgirls, and usually hidden from view, the latest style icon is the humble sock. Ankle and knee-length versions were shown recently on the international catwalks. Sock Shop, not expecting such hysteria, have virtually sold out of their black knee-high version. Frighteningly, popsox also look likely to be worn-to-be-seen. From £1.99, Sock Shop branches.

● SQUIRE is the label to watch in 1994. The men's and women's range includes impeccably stitched Covert coats, single-breasted jackets, and gingham shirts. Devotees include Paul Weller and the photographer Nick Knight. Available from The Duffer of St George, 29 Shorts Gardens, London WC2 and Ichi Ni San, 26 Bell Street, Glasgow. Enquiries: 071 494 1880.

● PROVING, if further proof were needed, that Mark Owen of the teen dream pop group Take That is the "Most Fanciable Male In The World" (Smash Hits Awards 1993), Top Shop has sold out of keyrings bearing his image. Such trinkets showing other band members are still available from Top Shop branches nationwide. More Mark keyrings are promised at the end of January.

● JANET COLE, bead lady extraordinaire for the past ten years, has at last opened a shop in London, at 128 Notting Hill Gate, W11 (071 727 8085, mail order on: 0905 755888). It houses 1,000 varieties of beads, starting at just 7p. Sourced from all over the world, the shop should appeal to DIY devotees and those who like their jewellery truly original, although, alas, no effigies of Mark Owen are available.

● GIORGIO Armani is sponsoring an exhibition of films entitled "Napoletana: Images of a City". On show at New York's Museum of Modern Art until January 27, the exhibition then moves to Paris. Armani has a passion for film and sees Naples as the "cultural cradle of Italy" with a history of great theatre, painting and writing.

● CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Smith, who was appointed a CBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to fashion.

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# Matthew Parris



■ **The College of Arms should throw caution to the winds when it designs a heraldic emblem for the Iron Lady**

Lady Thatcher awaits the completion of her coat of arms. It will be ready later this year. As with all former prime ministers, the baroness can expect her own special stained-glass window at Chequers, bearing her heraldic symbols in glorious Technicolor.

How do I know this? Because Ted Heath's crest has just been unveiled, apparently including some broad stairs, cunningly denoting Broadstairs, and a recent article about this remarked that Lady Thatcher still awaits her crest. The College of Arms is working on it.

I can hardly wait. Nobody knows when it will be ready. All I know is that the fuddy-duddy old College of Arms is unlikely to come up with anything as exciting as the Thatcher heraldry which a flight from London to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, has given me the time to design. Ignore those stick-in-the-muds, Lady T: here, from the foot of the Andes, is my humble outline.

My encyclopaedia extract on heraldry suggests that the centrepiece of any coat of arms should be the shield, or escutcheon. This may be divided into four quarters, surmounted at their centre by a smaller inner shield, or inescutcheon. The main shield may be held on each side by supporters and topped with a helm which itself may bear a crest. The entirety may be backed with a mantle.

> 'Supporting the shield would be the wizened figure of Reagan, toting a six shooter'

Clearly the Thatcher shield should be of gold. Perched on its left shoulder should be a small finch, representing Finchley. On the right shoulder should be a sprig of juniper berries, to represent Denis.

The four quarters of the shield should be arranged thus: the top-left quarter should contain the smoking hulk of the Belgrano (in silver, to represent Argentina) sinking beneath some stylised blue waves (to represent the South Atlantic). The top-right quarter should be a broken miner's pick whose fractured wooden handle should be painted brown; the metal should be silver tipped with black, to indicate coal.

These are simple symbols. Beneath the miner's pick, however, in the bottom-right quarter, I propose a more complicated image, but nothing, I think, that should be beyond the heraldic designer's art: a newly bought council house, in pink with a red roof. The house will be distinguished by double-glazed aluminium-framed windows, a B&Q Georgian front door in white, with brass carriage lanterns, and a *Daily Mail* in the letter-box. The bottom-left quarter will be much simpler. Four electric-blue *Trident missiles*, gardant.

And now for the inescucheon (the small shield surmounting the centre). This should be even simpler: the three short swords of the crest of the County of Essex.

So much for the shield. But a shield commonly has two figures, human or animal, one on each side, as "supporters". One of these, I submit, should be Saint Margaret of Antioch (Santa *Margarita*), *on the right*. The halo would be discreet. With one foot on the head of Ted Heath, St Margaret would support the shield with her left arm, and in her right wield a golden lance, plunged into the throat of a monstrous dragon, mort.

The dragon would have seven heads. Three of these would bear the faces of Jim Callaghan, Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock. A fourth would be a grotesque representation of Arthur Scargill, while the fifth would bear an uncanny resemblance to *Jacques Delors*. *The sixth* dragon head would be an obvious caricature of Galtieri.

And the seventh? Lord Howe of Aberavon. Though more or less slain, like the others, this head would be poking a forked tongue rudely back up at St Margaret. Supporting the shield on the other side would be the wizened figure of Ronald Reagan, toting a six-shooter. Wearing full cowboy gear, Mr Reagan would be stamping on the neck of a fallen Russian bear.

Picture with me, then, the quartered and inescutcheoned shield supported by Mr Reagan and St Margaret, slain Hydra-headed dragon and trampled bear at their feet. Now we need the helm and crest to adorn the top. I think the crest itself should be a simple symbolic reference to the place where it all started: Grantham. A golden, radiant apple, like the one which fell on Isaac Newton's head, should therefore crown the mantle. The mantle, I suggest (riding in the air above the shield) should be Grantham Town Hall, where Lady Thatcher's father, Councillor Roberts, was mayor, though later ousted as an alderman by the ruling Labour group. The symbolic town hall above the shield should be riven by a bolt of lightning.

Finally, the mantle behind the ensemble: this should be her father's aldermanic robe, borne up by one worried-looking cherub with Lord Joseph's face, and one leering cherub bearing an uncanny resemblance to Michael Portillo.

And the motto beneath? You choose. There are three options: "*Domina non vertenda est*" (The lady's not for turning"); "*Optio non est*" ("There is no alternative"); or "*Non, non, non*").

John Major and his party can find reasons for hope in the wreckage of the Yeo affair

# Their scandalous opportunity

The Prime Minister's interview with Sir David Frost went rather well. It was not intended to be exciting, and it was not. Sir David is a friendly interviewer, which is a useful role as he can sometimes draw out politicians' real views better than a more aggressive questioner. Much of the interview was routine, with John Major saying things he has often said before. There were, however, two passages in which John Smith should have been very interested; they could cause problems to the Opposition in the future.

The first was the reassertion of the "back to basics" theme. Of course, the Yeo affair has put the Government and Mr Major at least temporarily on the defensive. Tim Yeo's conduct will not be an issue at the next election. As Abraham Lincoln said at Gettysburg in 1863, "the world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here". The world will little note, nor long remember, Mr Yeo's conduct, though as he expostulates more, sympathy for him — never very strong — drains away.

Yet Mr Yeo has done a peculiar sort of service to the Conservative Party. He has revived "back to basics" as a public debate. When last week Mr Major was trying to explain that the private lives of his ministers were not basic issues, he sounded unconvincing. But when he reasserted the policy itself to Sir David, without trying to explain away the contradiction, he sounded more interesting. What he had to say was certainly more attractive.

He said that he had listened to a nation that had three special concerns. The first was unemployment; the second crime; the third a general feeling of insecurity about the rapidity of change, both in the world and in Britain. He said that people were worried about the health of their familiar institutions of Church, Monarchy and Government, and that they had the feeling that standards of behaviour were "falling away". He said that he had found this in every part of the country.

That seems to conform to general experience. My own home area is Somerset. In Somerset many people have been voting for the Liberal Democrats because they feel that the Government is not conservative enough. They do not have any special belief that the Liberal Democrats will revive standards of behaviour or improve the health of institutions. If they were aware of Charter 88 they would be opposed to its views. But they do feel that Britain is in moral decline, and that this decline involves both our institutions and our standards of behaviour. In this there seems to be no disagreement between Somerset and Suffolk.

If Mr Major comes to be seen as the champion of British institutions and values, that could provide him with a political base which he has previously lacked. If he were seen as the opponent of crime and unemployment, as the supporter of good education, good health services and the family, as the supporter of Britain's constitutional institutions, he could win back the support of the many people who share these views. If he could win on this ground, he could transform the political situation of his party.

In the Frost interview, he ended with a declaration on Europe which fits such a strategy. He was asked about the European elections in June. He replied that there would be "a clear and distinct difference" between the policies of the parties. The Conservatives will campaign in opposition to the centralising European policies of the Liberal and Labour parties. Mr Major wants Britain to play an active role in Europe, but is determined we "do not want to become part of a centralised superstate run from Brussels".

*William Rees-Mogg*

There are several difficulties in the way of this policy, particularly at the June election. The majority of Conservative candidates for the European Parliament are themselves Euro-federalists, and will not be taking the line that Mr Major took in his interview. There is the difficulty of the Maastricht treaty. Those of us who opposed Maastricht did so precisely on the grounds that we did "not want to become part of a centralised superstate run from Brussels". But, for once, there really is no choice. If one wants to halt the progress towards a European superstate, one cannot possibly vote in a European election for the Liberal Democrats or the Labour Party; they are frankly Euro-federalist both in their policies and in their leadership. One may have to swallow hard to vote for the party of Maastricht, but the Conservative party is certainly the least Euro-federalist of the three.

However, the Prime Minister will have to do more than redefine his European policy to make the electorate believe that "back to basics" is more than a slogan. He will no doubt have to ask his ministers to accept a stricter standard of behaviour. Here a young MP, Alan Duncan, has set a good example to his seniors. As a near neighbour of his I have known of his house purchase for years — it was no secret. No one who understood it thought it was in any way improper — indeed the terms he gave were generous to the sitting tenant; the council did not do at all badly either. Yet the transaction was capable of being misrepresented, so he went immediately. That is the honourable course, and it is politically the desirable course.

Beyond the personal questions, the Government needs to show its own respect for national institutions. St Bartholomew's Hospital is a symbolic case, and a Conservative government has to understand political symbolism. Bart's is 100 years older than Parliament; it is one of the oldest hospitals in the world and perhaps the most famous. If every hospital in the country had to be shut except one, it would be reasonable for Bart's to be that one. Closing Bart's is as extraordinary an act of historic vandalism as would be closing Trinity College, Cambridge, or turning Westminster Hall into a McDonald's. The proposal shows both a lack of historic imagination and a more dangerous lack of the love of national institutions which "back to basics" professes.

A similar problem arises with Government policy towards the family. Apart from their private lives, is this really a government of the family, or of family values? The combination of the proposed further easing of divorce, taxation policy and housing policy, makes the Government still look more in line with the permissive governments of the 1960s than with any policy of strengthening the family as an institution.

A further danger arises from the too easy identification between "basics" and "common sense", particularly in economics. Common sense can often give contradictory answers to important problems. It is common sense that one should balance the budget — the Gladstonian view. It is common sense that unemployment can be cured by raising demand — the traditional Keynesian view. Plainly those two common-sense views are not compatible. Governments should respect the basic moral and political beliefs of their people, but they should not assume that there are always simple answers to complex problems. In economics many answers are counter-intuitive; taking the common-sense action can easily make things worse, as it did for those governments that deflated in the early 1930s.

Such over-simplification could well be the main danger in applying "back to basics" to crime. Mr Major's own statement that we need to "condemn more and understand less" must be dangerous. We always need to have a better understanding of any problem, and the more dangerous the problem the more important that is. A genuine policy of strengthening our national institutions, from the health service to the monarchy, must be based on deep and not superficial analysis. Yet there is in "back to basics" new potential strength for Mr Major and his Government, if he can develop it as a coherent policy which people trust.

# Falling over to help Russia

Nato's needs are being sacrificed to Yeltsin's, says

**Peter Riddell**

A senior American official was asked recently why President Clinton's policy towards Europe appeared so confused. He replied that the administration had been undecided between a Russian-centred and a German-centred approach. Should Washington be more concerned about a revival of Russian nationalism or about binding Germany and Central Europe into Western Europe? For the moment, Western fears about Russia have predominated.

The American-inspired *Partnership for Peace*, to be adopted by Nato leaders at their summit in Brussels, fudges the question of enlarging Nato to include Central European countries previously in the Warsaw Pact. The American priority is not to do anything which might undermine Boris Yeltsin, or which he says might undermine him. But the West could put at risk the gains from its victory in the Cold War. The liberation of the former Soviet satellites is the one big foreign policy success of the past decade. But Nato is now implicitly accepting that Moscow can retain a veto over the security arrangements not just of former Soviet republics but also of indisputably European states such as Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia (generally known as the Visegrad Four).

President Clinton naturally denies any such intention. The President's speech in Brussels last night was full of reassurances that Europe, and its security, remains central to America's interests. But this is largely public relations blather to ensure that Mr Clinton's first visit to Europe as President is seen as a success. The leaders of the Visegrad countries have acquiesced in *Partnership for Peace*, but they have barely disguised their frustration.




The current Western caution is in marked contrast with the formation of Nato in 1948-49. The founders of the Atlantic alliance were acutely aware of the Soviet threat to Western Europe and bold in resisting it. The spread of communism was contained and peace assured. Similarly, after the Berlin Wall came down in November 1989, the Bush administration showed greater negotiating skill than has generally been recognised. It sponsored the talks on the future of Germany which secured the support of the then Soviet Union for unification. America was also firm in resisting initial Soviet opposition to a united Germany being in Nato.

In both cases, there was a balance between recognising Moscow's power and advancing the interests of America's allies. That balance is now absent. The Russia lobby is in the ascendant, particularly in the form of Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State designate and a close friend of Mr Clinton. As Robert Zoellick, architect of the Bush team's European initiatives, has argued, "there has been no strong counterbalancing force making the case for a European policy separate from Washington's Russian calculations".

Warren Christopher and Tony Lake, the White House national security adviser, initially favoured expanding Nato's membership. But in talks last October, just after the suppression of the Russian parliamentary opposition, Mr Talbott successfully argued against enlargement. This, he feared, would draw a line across Europe and might strengthen nationalist forces and critics of reform within Russia. Apart from Germany, other Nato members were cautious. Douglas Hurd expressed British worries to Mr Christopher in late September. The broad policy was therefore set before the Russian elections a month ago, though Vladimir Zhirinovsky's success has intensified the West's predicament. But the American approach risks a repetition of its familiar error of concentrating too much on an individual leader, whether Mikhail Gorbachev or, now, Mr Yeltsin.

No one, however, is urging immediate expansion. Nato only works as an integrated military alliance and the armed forces of former Warsaw Pact countries are in no position to join yet. There has to be a transitional period of growing co-operation, not least while these forces show they are under proper democratic control. Britain is also wary of extending security guarantees unless Nato is willing to implement them.

The flaw in *Partnership for Peace* is that it risks creating a vacuum by failing to lay down a timetable and guidelines for membership. It offers co-operation in planning, training and exercises to almost anyone interested, including both Russia and Ukraine, but it makes no commitments about who might be allowed to join Nato and when. In Mr Christopher's slippery phrase, candidates for membership are being given "an opportunity to self-differentiate". But the invitation is so broad as to be largely meaningless, like the all-embracing and, in practice, ineffective Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Nato will never be an open-ended club. The main new entrants for the foreseeable future are likely to be the Visegrad Four countries. Offering them explicit hope of membership, in parallel with their closer links with the European Union, would not only allay some of their security fears but should also strengthen the hand of internal pressures in favour of democracy and reform. That could be linked to a formal agreement to reassure Russia that it is not being isolated by a hostile West.

The danger at present is that insecurity and instability will be increased, not reduced. The proposed policy may not only make no difference to events within Russia — no Western initiatives really ever have — but it could also, yet again, let down the West's friends in Central Europe. A stable Germany and Central Europe are an attainable goal for America and its Nato allies. A democratic and free-market Russia is a dream beyond our influence. In seeking the latter Nato could jeopardise the former.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

# DIARY

## Taking a fryer

SIMPSON'S-in-the-Strand, one of the oldest and certainly the most famous roaster of British beef, is planning to challenge the muesli movement and break with 166 years of tradition by opening for breakfast. Clandestine sausage and bacon tastings have been taking place and final selections have been made for the menu.

Simpson's will begin opening for breakfast at 7am on February 15, so as to assuage Valentine's Day hangovers. "We're going to be serving all the culinary sins, starting with black pudding, sausage, lovely bacon and fried eggs, fried bread and kippers with butter," says Brian Clivaz, the manager. Clivaz also has plans to introduce cream teas for the first time this summer at the restaurant, which began life as a chess venue known as the Grand Cigar Divan, and started serving food to contestants in 1848. "With the invasion of all this foreign food you need somewhere upholding British tradition," he says.

Regular customers are delighted. "Fantastic," cries Lord McAlpine, former Tory Party treasurer and self-confessed glutton. "You should eat all these things at breakfast because they're good for you, but eat them in the evening and you're a dead man." Dame Barbara Cartland, who also dines at Simpson's, believes wholeheartedly in the English breakfast. "It's the most important meal of the day. Eggs and bacon are a very important meal. It's skipped by a great many, which is very bad for them."

● *A questionable fate awaits Michael Love, Baroness Thatcher's former political agent, who has joined Sir Bernard Ingham on the board of the McDonald's burger chain. Department heads have had a memo asking for support to "McDonaldise" the recruit as quickly as possible.*

### Hard sell

THE ART world was baffled last week by a mailshot from Sotheby's bringing attention to the auction house's 250th anniversary this year. "On 11th March 1744 Samuel Baker held his first auction," reads the Sotheby's release. "And the story began of the oldest and largest fine-art auction house in the world."

This is news to Dorotheum, the Vienna auction house started in 1707 with a charter not only to act as pawnbroker but also as auctioneer of works of art. "Sotheby's is not correct in saying this," says a spokesman. "I think we shall send some information to them. We are 37 years older." Sotheby's, however, sticks by its guns — with a qualification. "There are auction houses which are older, but Sotheby's is the oldest of the internationally known ones."

### Who's in and who's out

MAVERICKS, muckrakers and men, mostly, have joined the ranks of the Establishment in *Who's Who*, which publishes its 146th edition this week with 1,000 new names of the great, the good and the, well, questionable.

The minority female contingent of newcomers is represented by the likes of Victoria Woods, vivacious editor of *Harpers & Queen*; Maeve Binchy, the novelist; Nicola Pagett, who played the memorable Elizabeth Bellamy in *Upstairs Downstairs*. David Banks, the *Daily Mirror* editor who published the Princess of Wales in a leotard, makes his first appearance as does Michael Dobbs, who created the frightful Francis Urquhart in *To Play The King*. Michael Brunson, the political editor of ITN who heard the PM mutter "bastards", believes timing was the key to his entry. "I filled in the form before that chat," he says. Keith Floyd probably can't remember filling in his form at all. In the 1994 *Who's Who* he has listed his recreation as drinking.





Floyd and Pagett join the lists of the great and good

### Root rot

THE POWER of the constituency party and its part in Tim Yeo's downfall moved Alan Clark, the former defence minister, to champion Tory "footsoldiers" in yesterday's *Mail on Sunday*. "Alan Clark welcomes the revival of people power at the grassroots", the newspaper trumpeted. And Clark elaborated: "If the footsoldiers can actually influence policy," he suggested, "why not enlist?"

Clark's eulogy comes as a surprise, given the trenchant views in his *Diaries* about Conservative councillors and "dreary contituency functions" in Plymouth Sutton, where he was MP. "It's these ******* councillors, that's what people really like listening to," he wrote of one constituency AGM. "Their own kind: petty, inarticulate, short-sighted, mildly venal . . . They get cross when I turn up at these sort of events as it interferes with their dossier-of malfeasance." It's not clear what the Plymouth party faithful thought of his amorous adventures.

### Deadly petals

PEOPLE with green fingers risk turning green around the gills: gardening, it appears, can be hazardous. So much so that the Royal Horticultural Society is planning this autumn to introduce a labelling scheme to point out the dangers. Labels sporting a triangle and an exclamation mark, with risk graded 1 to 12, can be expected in flowerpots.

"There is not enough information about what is hazardous and what is not," explains Bill Simpson, director of the RHS, who says that certain types of primula, for example, can give blisters. The plan receives wholehearted support from Frank Muir, a man the RHS singles out as a gardening expert. "I ate some daffodils once at an election party and they were very peppery. Not at all pleasant."

### Henry's turn

BRIAN Johnston's death begs the inevitable question of who will step into his sizeable two-tone shoes on *Test Match Special*. Henry Blofeld is the name that has been springing to most commentators' minds. Although he has recently been commentating for BSkyB, the company has not asked him to cover England's West Indies Test series, so he is available.

Blofeld, like Johnston an Old Etonian, has long burnt a candle for a slot on *Test Match Special*, but producers felt that he and Johnners were too similar to appear together. He says he is not prepared to countenance an approach so soon after Johnston's death, however. "I am resting, at the moment but it's much too early to talk about that. The future will take care of itself."

# COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE

## Major must clarify his view of public and private life

After his defensive interview with Sir David Frost yesterday, John Major may want now to stop talking about "back to basics" and hope that this week's Nato summit sweeps stories of Tory misdemeanours out of the news. Or he may decide to move onto the attack and address the internal contradictions in his Government's policy publicly and directly. The former approach matches his instincts; the latter, his best interests.

This latest bout of public moral consciousness will doubtless expire in time. But time is not on Mr Major's side. He entered this arena in a hurry to salvage an otherwise doomed party conference. He cannot now leave it as hastily as he came in. Without a clearer line between private and public morality, the new year could be one long open season on ministers. Any adulterous affair or illegitimate child will be gleefully reported as an act of hypocrisy from a member of a Government that talks nostalgically about one set of "old values" while enthusiastically practising another. Unless Mr Major is sure that every one of his remaining minister's lives is without stain, repetitions of the Yeo affair will be a constant risk.

There is an alternative. Yesterday the Prime Minister looked as if he was backed into a corner. He could still come out fighting if he found the will and the skill to do so. The Prime Minister should clearly say that individual bedroom choices have no place in politics. Different ministers, each in their different way, may disapprove of adultery, homosexuality or single women having children; a Government's job is not to pronounce on the individual morality or immorality of such actions.

Where Governments do have an interest, Mr Major might say, is in the economic and social consequences of sexual choices. The Prime Minister can justifiably express concern about the increasing demands on the social security budget of one-parent families; even more he should warn of the research showing that the children of poor single mothers are more likely to fail educationally and to turn to crime. This is what some ministers were trying to say last year. But their message was muddied by the opportunism of those in Cabinet who wanted to form a new Moral Majority and the fear of others who would not stand up to them.

Mr Major must clear the waters. Teenagers, he can say, should be discouraged from pregnancy — but not because to be pregnant is an immoral state for them but because it is ill-advised. Having a baby at a tender age can ruin the life of the mother; and is tough on the child too. Getting married does not seem to help much, since half of all teenage marriages end in divorce, usually within two years. The best way to stop teenagers becoming pregnant is to teach them how to avoid conceiving a child. A MORI poll for *Reader's Digest*, out today, finds that 46 per cent of 16 to 19-year-old girls said their school sex education had started too late. In Holland, not noted for its abstemious attitudes towards sex, teenage pregnancies are one-sixth as frequent as in Britain. It may not be mere coincidence that sex education there starts much younger.

For existing one-parent families the Government is already, quietly, starting to do the right thing. Although the Child Support Agency has had its own chequered start in life, the principle of pressing fathers to take on a greater financial responsibility for their offspring should eventually both save the Exchequer money and perhaps deter a few men from having too casual an attitude towards pregnancy. Giving single mothers an allowance for childcare should help them to give up benefit and support themselves. The Prime Minister's professed aim to provide universal nursery education will also be a boon.

Once these policies are established, then the morality or immorality of various sexual acts can be returned to where it belongs: the individual heart. The Prime Minister should tell his colleagues that if they want to pronounce on these matters they may do so, but only if they make clear that these are their personal views, not Government policy. Collective responsibility does not extend to conscience.

# THE GENEROUS ISRAEL

## Nothing but violence will come from Palestinian frustrations

"Let them sweat," said Yitzhak Rabin truculently, early in the new year. He was talking of Yassir Arafat and the Palestinian negotiators with whom Israel has sought, since the glamorous televised handshake on the lawns of the White House, to agree on the minutiae of the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho. It was an unsophisticated remark, out of character in a man of such sobriety. He might almost have told them to eat cake.

The problems which dog both parties, who resume talks tomorrow, are by now well-known: who should control the international border crossings between Gaza and Egypt, and Jericho and Jordan; and what, precisely, is to constitute Jericho. The Israelis have been tough on these two questions. They refuse to accept any arrangement that would exclude Israeli security forces. They would prefer no Palestinian security presence at all. As for the size of the Jericho enclave, the Israeli offer, which started at a tiny 10 square kilometres, is now 55 square kilometres.

It is not suggested that these are trivial matters. Had they been so, they would not have made such gritty fare. Israel — its government as much as its people — is finding it more difficult to negotiate after celebrations of success than it would have, naturally, to celebrate after successful negotiations. By recognising the PLO, the Israeli government made a far-reaching concession that was more than symbolic. But the magnitude of this concession brought in its train new responsibilities and pressures.

Israel's position on the border crossings is, to a great extent, legitimate: it is charged with external security under the Declaration of Principles. There is evidence that both Egypt and Jordan would be reluctant to see absolute control pass to the PLO. But there is scope for Israeli generosity. Because Yassir Arafat needs to demonstrate that the PLO has not renounced its goal of an independent Palestinian state, he must insist on Palestinian participation — in terms of both personnel and symbols — in border controls. Israel must also further improve offer on the size of the Jericho enclave. It would not compromise its security by doing so and would earn valuable goodwill: the better that Jericho is equipped economically, the less a source of disaffection it will be.

The PLO leader has faced a storm of criticism in recent months, and it has become increasingly clear that he is not the man most suited to run a territory democratically. But for all his weaknesses — and these are often of Shakespearean proportions — he is the only Palestinian politician who can deliver a working deal. Israeli methods, so far, have only weakened him. They have, instead, boosted the ratings of Islamic extremists who oppose peace. This is not in Israel's interest, nor in the interests of secular Palestinians.

In the four months since the Declaration of Principles was signed the atmosphere of expectation has turned to one of bitterness. There are still more than 11,000 Palestinians in jail, and the Israeli security forces are no gentler in the occupied territories. There is little faith, on the ground, in the Declaration. Israel must not lose the only hope of real peace that it has.

# SKATING THE MUSIC

## Sport needs less brute violence, more artistic impression

Ice dance may be a pretty spectacle, but is it really sport? Any result decided by judges awarding marks depends on the eyes and prejudices of the beholders. And such subjective opinions must be less clear-cut than breaking the tape ahead of the field, or scoring a goal, or even consistently projecting darts straight. When Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the British ice dance championship on Saturday, the nine judges gave them nine flawless sixes for artistic impression, the same extraordinary score as they gained 10 years ago at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo with their sliding and twirling to "Bolero".

Then they turned professional. But by the increasingly absurd rules distinguishing amateurs from professionals, they have now been officially revirginalised. Severe critics noted that even though a bouquet from an admirer hit one of the judges to give a hint of the marking expected, the crowd gave Torvill and Dean a standing ovation only after the perfect sixes went up on the board, and not, as with "Bolero", while they were spinning to their dying fall.

But what they do is sport as well as showbusiness. While they are on the ice, they balance on the razor edge of grace under pressure. The earliest athletics festivals invented by sporting man held contests for poetry and dancing as well as running and throwing things. So, like modern ice dance, they too had judges employed to give their expert opinions on artistic impression.

Much modern sport has become grimly competitive, with its football hooligans, petty chauvinists, steroids, and glum professionals obsessively working towards the big money. In it there are no points for graceful losers, only for determined winners. Torvill and Dean brought grace and a genteel intimation of sex into their sport. Their skating is breathtakingly dangerous and skilful, and they introduced a new glamour and more dramatic poses, even though they sometimes still look more like wrestlers than Fonteyn and Nureyev. They are two bodies in dancing unison, and their comeback in sporting middle age gratifies the middle-aged crowd's Peter Pan instinct.

If what Torvill and Dean do on ice is deemed merely middlebrow show-business, sport could do with more of it. When taken to its logical conclusion, all sport is absurd. But sport is more about emotion than logic. If other sports gave marks for artistic impression, David Gower would still be batting, Henri Leconte would always win Wimbledon, Severiano Ballesteros would win championships more often than he does, and Jeremy Guscott would be shimmying through the middfield for all eternity. And the sporting firmament would be brighter.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Hurdles on path to Irish peace

*From Sir Charles Carter, FBA, and Professor Emeritus Thomas Wilson, FBA*

Sir, For the third time, an Irish Government has undertaken that Northern Ireland should not be forced into the Republic without majority consent.

When the same pledge was given in the Sunningdale Agreement of 1973, it was challenged as unconstitutional in Dublin, and the then Attorney-General said: "Any person living in this island and knowing our history could not possibly construe the declaration as meaning we did not lay claim over the Six Counties." If so, what did the pledge mean? The reaction in Northern Ireland contributed to the failure of power-sharing.

When the pledge was repeated in the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985, it was denounced by Mr Haughey. The then Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Peter Barry, assured him that the constitution was not infringed, but this second fudge was to be challenged in court in 1990. The court ruled that "there was a constitutional imperative on the Government and the Republic's citizens which meant it was their duty, as loyal citizens, to seek the integration of the national territory".

In view of the suspicion and scepticism naturally aroused in Ulster on the two previous occasions, one might have assumed that, in the Downing Street agreement, Mr Reynolds would have proposed an immediate referendum for the revision of articles 2 and 3 — a revision also required by the Helsinki agreement in 1975.

Instead he has proffered the old unconstitutional guarantee coupled with a promise to consider revision of articles 2 and 3 "in the event of an overall settlement". This means, presumably, that the righting of an old error is to be used as a bargaining counter.

We cannot believe that this is the right way to achieve genuine reconciliation in Ireland — notwithstanding the remarkable patience and restraint shown by the Official Unionists. If Sinn Fein now rejects the offer of peace, it will be all the more urgently necessary to alter these clauses and thus deprive the men of violence of any spurious suggestion of legitimacy.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CARTER,
THOMAS WILSON,
1 Gosforth Road, Seascale, Cumbria.
January 7.

## Laws on homosexuality

*From Dr Mary McIntosh*

Sir, Like Mrs Dorothy Stone (letter, December 31), I was a member of the Home Office committee which in 1980 recommended reducing the minimum age for homosexual relations to 18. A third of us signed a minority report favouring a reduction to 16. In our view, the evidence before the committee had not shown that young men can be seduced into becoming homosexual nor that the criminal law can prevent homosexual activity.

The majority, I believe, had been swayed by a wish to mark moral disapproval of homosexual relations, which the rest of us did not see as a proper function of the criminal law.

In this era of irresponsible fathers, the idea that 16-year-olds, who may marry and father children, may not legally choose or refuse homosexual relations is even more absurd than it was in 1980.

Yours faithfully,
MARY McINTOSH,
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Department of Sociology,
Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex.
January 3.

## Events in the East

*From Mr David De R. Channer*

Sir, Your Review of the Year (December 31) mentioned the fire in a Bangkok toy factory, but omitted last year's historic events in Cambodia where the UN successfully completed its biggest ever operation.

Despite threats from the Khmer Rouge, 89 per cent of registered voters turned out at the polls in April. A democratically elected, internationally recognised government was installed. By October virtually all of the UN's 22,000 personnel in Cambodia had been withdrawn, and the country now enjoys a precarious peace for the first time in 23 years.

Readers in South-East Asia of your Review of the Year will hope for better coverage of the region in 1994.

Yours faithfully,
D. De R. CHANNER,
54 Lyford Road, SW18.
January 1.

## Price of progress

*From Mrs Mariegold Cowsill*

Sir, Mr Ron Footer suggests (letter, January 5) abolishing any price that falls 1p below a whole number of pounds. This seems somewhat inflationary.

Why not have a 99p coin, perhaps bearing the image of St Michael?

Yours faithfully,
MARIEGOLD COWSILL,
Ulan, Lower Swell,
Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire.
January 5.

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## Ambridge lesson on jail sentencing

*From the Director of the Howard League and others*

Sir, Our organisations, too, are deeply concerned about the plight of Susan Carter, jailed for six months in *The Archers* radio serial (report and leading article, January 7). She is one of thousands of women forcibly separated from their children each year when they are sent to prison on remand or under sentence: more than 6,000 children each year are believed to suffer this separation.

Over 70 per cent of women in prison on remand today will not get a custodial sentence when they come to court. Even the women sentenced to prison are mostly convicted of minor offences, with 30 per cent for defaulting on fines and 23 per cent for theft.

We believe that the majority of women should be bailed and given community sanctions. Prison is a cruel and unnecessary punishment for them and for their children which does incalculable damage to our whole community.

We call on the Home Secretary to exercise compassion and common sense: release all Susan Carters and give political leadership towards avoiding the use of prison for mothers whenever possible.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES CROOK, Director,
The Howard League,
DEBORAH COLES
(Co-Director, Inquest),
ALISON TRUNDELL
(Chair, Prisoners' Advice Service),
JOHN WADHAM
(Legal Officer, Liberty),
708 Holloway Road, N19.
January 7.

*From Mr John Learmonth*

Sir, Further to your leading article and report by Alan Hamilton today on "the Ambridge One", I would like to suggest that Susan Carter's sentence is increased to six years on appeal so that we do not have to listen to her whingeing voice again for a long time. Perhaps stiff prison terms could also be handed down to other of the more irritating characters such as Shula Hebden, Peggy Woolley and the Reverend Robin Stokes.

Of course, one reason for all the excitement about Susan Carter is that ever since the disappearance of Cameron Fraser *The Archers* has been lacking the one element essential for any soap, namely, a villain. It's hard to create drama in *The Archers* when everyone's so desperately nice to each other. Keen *Archers* listeners should make the most of Susan Carter's porridge while it lasts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LEARMONTH,
14 Jameson Street, W8.
January 7.

*From Mr Alfred Finer, JP*

Sir, Could there be some significance in the fact that a mock trial on radio has been prepared to face the realities and to mete out a correct sentence? It matters not whether it be prior to Christmas, or whether the offender be male or female. And, if the latter, then it is for the mother to have considered the consequences upon the family.

Too often my own bench colleagues would point out to me that it would be an injustice to impose a custodial sentence at a time near to the festive season. But then, my colleagues had not been the victims.

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED FINER,
23 Highview Gardens,
Finchley, N3.
January 7.

*From Mr Stephen Ward*

Sir, Members of these chambers were very distressed to learn that Susan Carter was sentenced to a term of six months' imprisonment when she appeared before Borsetshire Crown Court. They strongly advise that she should appeal to the Court of Appeal and should in the meantime apply for bail.

Your readers will be relieved to learn that provided she behaves well she will serve only half the sentence. If any member of chambers can be of assistance I hope her solicitors will contact me.

Yours faithfully,
S. WARD
(Clerk to Chambers),
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Melville House, 12 Middle Street,
Taunton, Somerset.
January 7.

## Floods in the South

*From Dr Randolph Haggerty*

Sir, The snow and bad weather that have hit southern England are receiving extensive media coverage, with your paper presenting the story on its front page today. This type of weather has affected other parts of Britain, north of Watford, this winter — yet it obtained only minor attention.

Do I, Sir, detect a North-South divide in your paper's reporting?

Yours faithfully,
RANDOLPH HAGGERTY,
11 Thornville Terrace, Headingley,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
January 7.

*From Mr Clive Thomas*

Sir, The news from the National Rivers Authority (report, January 6) fills Kentish householders with foreboding. It seems that the steady and persistent deluge of rain in recent weeks is too heavy and what we need, the authority states, is steady drizzle. It appears that we may confidently expect a renewal in the spring of the hosepipe ban imposed annually over the past four years.

We have experienced the wrong type of snow, the wrong kind of leaves on the line, and now the wrong kind of rain. When, next summer, we will inevitably be plagued by pestilence and probably locusts, may we expect them, too, to be of the wrong variety?

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE St J. THOMAS,
Hillside House, Wrotham, Kent.
January 7.

*From Mr Jonathon Walker*

Sir, If Southern Water cannot salvage enough water this winter to see us through the summer, we should be relieved that they are not running our breweries, or extended drinking sessions therein.

Yours sincerely,
J. D. WALKER,
46 Station Road, Herne Bay, Kent.
January 6.

## Star of Bethlehem

*From Professor Colin Humphreys*

Sir, The sweeping statement of the Astronomer Royal on the Star of Bethlehem, that "stars just don't behave in the manner claimed" (letter, January 1, supported by Patrick Moore, letter, January 5), brings to mind the words of the great Russian physicist Landau: "Cosmologists are frequently in error but seldom in doubt."

The main characteristics of the Star of Bethlehem recorded in Matthew's gospel are that it was a star that newly appeared in the east, it travelled slowly through the sky and it "stood over" the place where Jesus was born. That is, viewed from Jerusalem, the star stood over Bethlehem.

There is indeed a star that behaves in the manner claimed: a comet newly appears and it moves slowly through the sky against the star background. In addition, the curious expression "stood over" was applied by ancient historians to describe a comet. For example, Dio Cassius in Roman history wrote concerning the 12BC appearance of Halley's Comet: "The star called comet stood for several days over the city [Rome]."

The use of the characteristic term "stood over" by ancient historians to describe a comet would seem to leave little doubt that when Matthew used a similar term he was also describing a comet. The long upward tail makes the head of the comet appear to stand over a particular place on the earth.

Thus, a comet fits well the description in Matthew that the star was new, it travelled slowly through the sky and it stood over Bethlehem.

The ancient Chinese made detailed observations of comets, and in the likely time range for the birth of Christ only one comet is recorded, which appeared in 5BC and was visible to the naked eye for more than 70 days. Thus, the Star of Bethlehem was probably a 5BC comet. From the Chinese records we know that this comet rose in the east, as also described by Matthew concerning the Star of Bethlehem.

The fact that an event is historic does not mean that it cannot also be symbolic. The probable historicity of the Star of Bethlehem heightens the cosmic significance of the coming of Christ.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN HUMPHREYS,
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## Hunting and the law

*From Mr John Bryant*

Sir, The British Field Sports Society (Nick Herbert's letter, January 3) has leaned long and hard on the Government for action against trespassing hunt saboteurs but is now obviously terrified at the prospect of Parliament enacting equitable legislation to curb trespassing hunts.

The League Against Cruel Sports has assisted some farmers and landowners to take civil action against the owners' wishes, because it is beyond the resources of most farmers to launch such actions and requires solicitors experienced in civil trespass law.

The BFSS could easily assist pro-hunting landowners to take civil actions against trespassing hunt saboteurs, but it chose instead to persuade the Government to take the issue into the criminal realm.

If Parliament is now to consider whether trespass should be a matter for criminal courts in certain cases, we believe we can prove that trespass by hunts is a far greater problem to rural residents than the actions of a handful of trespassing anti-hunt protesters.

Yours faithfully,
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January 3.

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## Gratitude for 'the Word made flesh'

*From the Vicar of Knowle, Solihull*

Sir, Congratulations on your thought-provoking leading article of Christmas Eve, "The Word made flesh", expounding the Christian faith as recorded by St John in the first chapter of his gospel.

Dismayed by the Bishop of Durham's views (report, December 20; letters, December 21, 22, 23, 28), I found fresh hope in your coherent and well rounded comment.

With its simple but sincere explanation of the same Bible chapter, the Queen's Christmas broadcast (report, December 27) was a further much needed encouragement for all Christian ministers facing an increasingly uphill task to bring the message of Christ to our nation. Via the media, you and Her Majesty have achieved at a stroke what the Church itself has seemingly failed to achieve. My thanks to you both.

Yours faithfully,
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*From Mrs Monica Lissak*

Sir, How grateful I was to have the essence of Christmas so strongly defined in your editorial on incarnation. This is the teaching we would hope to hear from our bishops.

Why is it, when top scientists are finding, through quantum mechanics that miracles are possible, our learned Bishop of Durham insists on stating they are not?

Yours sincerely,
MONICA LISSAK,
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*From Mr D. P. R. Gibson*

Sir, I cannot fully put into words the effects on me of your beautiful and moving leading article. It has already built up my faith and hopefully will deepen my love for the creator of the universe.

This article expresses the full and glorious meaning of the Christmas story. It is the fact that Jesus is God's Word in flesh which is the most vital truth to be grasped, but also the fact that this Word brings to the world the hope of eternal salvation. Therefore it is wonderful, but also natural, to have your thoughts on St John's gospel.

I pray that this article will be of help to all Christians reading it. It is, I believe, a challenge to any doubting clergy or "turbulent priest" to refresh the truth of the written Word. I was initially amazed at the strength of your argument, but I remain very grateful. How the Church needs your help and support in the task of evangelism and spreading the Word.

Yours sincerely,
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*From Mr Michael D.Tanner*

Sir, "The Word made flesh" is quite the most moving newspaper article that I have ever read. If it be true, then surely there is hope for us all yet.

Thank you.

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*From Mr Peter Kearns*

Sir, Your leading article was excellent in its content and so inspiring to read on Christmas Eve. The more people who understand the true meaning of Christmas — i.e., that God sent his son, Jesus Christ, to redeem the world — the happier this world will become.

"Be not afraid." We have a very loving God, who is with us always. Congratulations to the Editor for putting this message so concisely.

Yours faithfully,
PETER KEARNS,
Partington Farm, Wicker Lane,
Hale Barns, Cheshire.

## Classic strength

*From the Precentor of Radley Colleg*

Sir, One of the great strengths of Classic FM (Simon Jenkins's article, January 1) is its ability to break down prejudice. What pleasure it is to be beguiled by music of a composer one had mentally "shelved".

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Yours faithfully,
ROBERT GOWER,
Precentor, Radley College,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
January 3.

## No mean feast

*From Mr Richard Daykin*

Sir, Is the age of delicacy over? When two of my (adult) children heard of my breakfast today — a kipper, potato salad, Stilton, Christmas cake — they asked if I was pregnant.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD DAYKIN,
9 St Patrick's Walk,
Heysham, Lancashire.
January 1.

# COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 8: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel James Stirling of Garden (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Earl of Mar and Kellie (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Clackmannan) which was held in St Mungo's Parish Church, Alloa, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by Mrs James Stirling of Garden at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, which was held in St Mungo's Parish Church, Alloa, today.

SANDRINGHAM
January 9: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning. The Bishop of Exeter preached the Sermon.

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Gold Medal for Academic Excellence at King Edward VII High School, King's Lynn, to Miss Nina Constable, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr M.J. Walker, the Headmaster.

By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire), was present at Royal Air Force Brize Norton this afternoon upon the Arrival of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

## Royal Ascot

*The list for applications for the Royal Enclosure at Ascot opened on January 1. All those wishing to apply for the first time should make an application before the end of March. On receipt of these applications, sponsorship forms will be sent.*

Only personal letters of application will be accepted and should include full names of those members of the family who wish to attend. Existing members should apply as usual before the end of April. Overseas visitors should apply direct to their embassies in London.

In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hat which must cover the crown of the head. Gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress.

Applications should be addressed to Her Majesty's Representative, The Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BP.

## Memorial service

**The Earl of Mar and Kellie**
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk at a service of thanksgiving for the life of the Earl of Mar and Kellie held on Saturday at St Mungo's, Alloa. Princess Margaret was represented by Mrs James Stirling of Garden.

The Rev Keith Hall officiated and the Rev the Hon Michael Erskine, son, said prayers. The Rev Dr Ian Fraser gave an address.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michel Ney, commander of Napoleon's Old Guard, Saarlouis, Germany, 1769; Dame Barbara Hepworth, sculptor, Wakefield, 1903.
DEATHS: William Cody (Buffalo Bill) Denver, Colorado, 1917; Frank Bridge, composer, Eastbourne, 1941; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Paris, 1971.

## Birthdays today

Mr Eddie Cheever, racing driver, 36; Sir Robin Chichester-Clark, former MP, 66; Mr Tom Clarke, MP, 53; Professor Rodney Eatock Taylor, mechanical engineer, 50; Mr Justin Evans, youth and recreation worker, 91; Dr R.D.H. Gem, secretary, Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England, 49; Sir Arthur Gold, honorary life president, European Athletic Association, 77; Mr Derek Hammond-Stroud, baritone, 68; Sir David Hopkin, former chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 72; Sir Derek Hornby, chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 64; Sir Robert Marshall, civil servant, 74; Dr Peter Mathias, master, Downing College, Cambridge, 66; Sir David Miers, diplomat, 57; Mr Denis Peach, former chief charity commissioner, 66; Mr Anton Rodgers, actor, 61; Mr Rod Stewart, rock singer, 49; Mrs Valerie Strachan, chairman, HM Customs and Excise, 54; Mr Erroll J. Yates, former chairman and managing director, Kodak, 64.



Sir Walter Bodmer, the geneticist, is 58 today

## Church news

The Rev Simon Bailey, Vicar, Harby w. Long Clawson and Hose (Leicester): to be Vicar, St James the Great, Woodhall (Bradford).

# School announcements

**Aiglon College, Switzerland**
Term began on January 9. School guardians are Carlotta Calleri-Zavanelli and Travis Willis Davis; captain of girls' skiing, Carlotta Calleri-Zavanelli, and captain of boys' skiing, Sebastiano Andina. The 45th anniversary reunion took place at Aiglon between December 29, 1993, and January 2, 1994, and was attended by over 130 alumni, family and friends. Parents' Weekend will be on February 19. The annual reunion of the Eagle Association will take place in London on February 24 followed by a reception at the Royal Automobile Club for interested parents on February 25. For information about the latter please contact the school.

**Brentwood School (HMC)**
The Lent Term begins today. The Entrance Examination for the Main and Preparatory Schools takes place on January 22, with music scholarships the preceding week. Half term is from February 11 until February 20. The Junior School production of *The Brides of Frankenstein* will be performed from March 17 to March 19. A Chamber Concert will be held on February 1 and the Lent Orchestral Concert takes place on Thursday, March 20. The Old Brentwoods Society Dinner will be held on March 25. Term ends on March 25.

**Bromsgrove School**
School convenes today at Bromsgrove for the Lent Term. The Open Mornings are on January 22 for both 7+ to 12+ entry to the Lower School and 13+ entry to the Upper School, and on February 5 for Sixth Form entry. The Choral Society will perform a programme of Monteverdi, Vivaldi, Bruckner and Fauré in the Memorial Chapel on March 18. The Careers Fair is on March 23 after which term ends.

**Chetham's School of Music, Manchester**
Spring Term starts today at Chetham's School of Music, Manchester. During the term Zvi Zeitlin and Maria Curcio will give Masterclasses in Residence. From February 11 to 13, Chetham's will host the Conference "Unlocking Musical Talent" arranged jointly with Trinity College of Music, London. The Gillian Sansom Memorial Concert will be held at The Royal Northern College of Music on February 17. *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, will be performed in Millgate Hall on March 17, 18 and 19. Term ends on March 26 with the Founders Day Service in the Cathedral, preacher the Bishop of Manchester.

**Cobham Hall**
The Spring Term begins today. Lara Weldon continues as The Guardian. The School Play will be performed on Saturday, March 26.

**Edgehill College, Devon**
Term begins today. The 11+ Entrance Examination will be held on Friday, January 14 and 8+, 11+ and 13+ Scholarship Examinations on Friday, January 28. Former Edgehillians will be meeting in Exeter on February 26 and in Sheffield on March 19. Term ends on Friday, March 25.

**Haileybury**
Easter Term at Haileybury begins today. Bartle Frere and Edmonstone have moved into the new purpose-built Houses. Mr A.S. Bartholomew has succeeded the Rev J.S. Pullen as Housemaster of Edmonstone. Captain D. Pentreath, CBE, DSO, RN, has succeeded Lord Trefgarne as President of the Haileybury Society. The main school production will be *Romeo and Juliet* and the Junior production will be *Julius Caesar*. The Choral Society and Orchestra will perform Elgar's *The Kingdom* on March 24. Term ends on Saturday, March 26.

**Marlborough College**
The Lent Term at Marlborough College begins today. The Right Rev Dr David Stancliffe assumes the position of President of Council at Marlborough College. Justin Caine (Barton Hill) becomes Senior Prefect, Edward Harvey (Cotton House) Captain of School, Tamasin Smith (New Court) Captain of Netball and Sascha Moore (Elmhurst) Captain of Lacrosse. Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury will be on Sunday, February 27. Club Day will be on Sunday, March 6, when the Penny Reading will be a performance of *Old Time Music Hall*. The National Prep Schools' Cross-Country Championship takes place at Marlborough on Sunday, February 27 and the 150th Anniversary Inter-Schools Netball Tournament on Sunday, March 13. Term ends on Saturday, March 19.

**Moira House, Eastbourne**
Easter Term at Moira House begins today and ends on March 19. Beverley Green and Emma Evans continue as School Knights. The Ingham Scholarship examinations for entry into the Junior School and the Senior School will be held on January 21 and 22. Full details are available from the Headmaster's Secretary. The Easter Concerts are on March 12 and 13. Old Girls' Day is Sunday, March 13, from noon and all old girls and their families are invited to the school for lunch, followed by the Association Hockey Tournament. The term concludes with the School Confirmation service at All Saints' on Thursday, March 17, to which we welcome the Bishop of Lewes.

**Oakham School**
Spring Term at Oakham School begins today. Academic Scholarship Examinations for 13+ entry will be held on February 14 and 15. Music and Art & Design Scholarship Examinations for 11+ and 13+ entry will be held on January 31 and February 1. A production of *London Assurance* by Dion Boucicault will be staged in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre between February 28 and March 3. On Sunday, March 13, in the School Chapel, the Oakham School Choral Society and Orchestra will perform the Gounod St Cecilia Mass, Fauré Pavane and Poulenc Organ Concerto.

**Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe**
The Spring Term begins today at Pipers Corner with 360 pupils. Sixth Form Scholarship examinations will take place on Monday, January 24 and Tuesday, January 25 with interviews on Tuesday, February 8. Entrance tests for 11+ and 12+ entry will be held on Saturday, January 29 in the Main School. The Bishop of Oxford will be conducting the Confirmation Service on Thursday, February 10 at 2pm at St Michael's & All Angels, Hughenden.

**Pocklington School**
Pocklington School, East Yorkshire will begin the Lent Term on Tuesday, January 11. Half Term begins at 12.15pm on Friday, February 11 and ends on Sunday, February 20. Term ends on Friday, March 25, at 12.35pm. Old Pocklingtonians meet in Oxford on Saturday, February 12, and on Saturday, March 5, in Newcastle.

**Rugby School**
The Lent Term begins today. Christian Graham (Tu) continues as Head of School and is also Captain of Hockey. Mark Bridges (T) is Holder of the Bigside Bags. The Lower School Pantomime *Alice in Blunderland* takes to the stage on January 13, 14 and 15. Rugby hosts the National Schools' Chamber Music Competition on February 10. Mozart's Requiem will be performed in the Temple Speech Room on March 12. The Preparatory Schools' Hockey Festival is on March 6. The Bishop of Warwick is Celebrant and Preacher at the Confirmation Eucharist on March 13. The 147th Crick Run starts at 3pm on the same day. Term ends on March 18.

**St Bede's Co-Educational Preparatory School, Eastbourne**
The Spring Term at St Bede's started yesterday for boarders and today for day pupils. Brian Moses will continue the Writing Master Classes supported by the South East Arts. The Gymnastics Team takes part in the GISGA Championships in Holland on March 11-13. The Gala Concert combining the St Bede's Schools' Choirs and members of the Hailsham Choral Society takes place on Saturday, March 12, at 7.30pm at the "Matt" Hall at the School. Please contact the Headmaster's Secretary (0323) 734222 for reservations. Term ends on Friday, March 18 and the School Skiing party departs on that day.

**St Edmund's College, Ware, Hertfordshire**
Lent Term begins today and ends on April 17. Half Term is from February 12-20. A regional Conference on Vocational A Levels, addressed to Independent Schools and sponsored by Hertfordshire TEC is to be held on Tuesday, January 18. The Eleventh Annual Half-Marathon is on Sunday, March 20. A Concert will be held on Friday, March 25 to continue the celebrations of the College's 200th anniversary of its arrival at Old Hall Green from France.

**Woodbridge School**
The Easter Term at Woodbridge School, Suffolk, begins today. Stephen Cole takes up his appointment as Headmaster. The foundation stone of the new Library, IT, and Teaching complex will be laid at the end of January. The School is holding a Grand Charity Concert at Snape Maltings Concert Hall on Friday, March 25. Following the successful girls' hockey tour to the USA in October, the boys' side will tour The Netherlands at half term. The Examinations for entry to the School in September 1994 take place on Friday, February 4.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr A.V. Bailey and Miss V.P. Gravett**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of the late Mr W.A. Bailey and of Mrs R.C. Bailey, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Valérie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.I. Gravett, of Woking, Surrey.

**Mr B.R. Clarke and Miss C.S. Godwin**
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Sir Robert and Lady Clarke, of Chilton, Buckinghamshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Godwin, of Clareville Grove, Kensington.

**Mr P.A. Falter and Lady Lara Compton**
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of the late Mr Charles Falter, and of Mrs Falter, of Hampstead, London, and Lara, eldest daughter of The Marquess of Northampton, of Compton Wynyates, Warwickshire, and of Mrs S. Boissevain, of Chelsea, London.

**Mr N.P. Hindle and Miss H.I. Wootton**
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr David Hindle, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Mrs Jean Walsh, of Wiggonholt, near Pulborough, West Sussex, and Ingrid, elder daughter of Mr Brian Wootton, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Mrs Karin Wootton, of East Molesey, Surrey.

**Mr R.L. Heaton and Miss C. Rosen**
The engagement is announced between Roger, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Heaton, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Rosen, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

**Mr D.McD.A. Livingstone and Dr E.C.I. Hatfield**
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Livingstone, of Sydney, Australia, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hatfield, of Heronsgate, Hertfordshire.

**Mr M.K.S. MacMahon and Miss S.J. Thomas**
The engagement is announced between Myles, son of Mr Joseph MacMahon and Mrs Jeremy Phillips, of Hong Kong, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thomas, of Chieveley, Berkshire.

**Mr J.W.G. Makin and Miss N.D.G. Pendrigh**
The engagement is announced between Justin Willoughby Geoffrey, son of Mr Geoffrey Makin, of Farnham, Surrey and the Rev Valerie Makin, of Godalming, Surrey, and Naomi Deborah Gotheridge, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pendrigh, of Reigate, Surrey.

**Mr J.S. Dobree and Miss N.J. Strong**
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Dobree, of Boar's Hill, Oxford, and Nicky, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs G.G. Strong, of Bishopstone.

**Mr J. Newton and Miss M. Asprey**
The engagement is announced between Joe, younger son of Mr David Newton, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Pauline Newton, of Chichester, Sussex, and Mariana, eldest daughter of Mr Edward Asprey, of Turners Green, Berkshire, and Mrs Anthea Maton, of Oklahoma, USA.

**Mr N.J. Norman and Mrs J.C.L. Marriott**
The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Sir Mark and Lady Norman, of Wilcote Manor, Oxfordshire, and Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Baxendale, of Aston Park House, Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire.

**Dr L.M.W. Pickerell and Dr S.F. Newey**
The engagement is announced between Lindsay, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.I. Pickerell, of The Pines, Duffield, Derbyshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Newey, of The Angel House, Alcester, Warwickshire.

**Mr P.L.O. Heyworth and Miss S.K. Gill**
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Heyworth, of Merstham, Surrey, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gill, of Geneva, Switzerland.

**Mr A.C. Kinahan and Miss C.E. Killeen**
The engagement is announced between Aidan, elder son of Mr and Mrs O. Kinahan, of Welling, Kent, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W. Killeen, of Pinkneys Green, Berkshire.

**Mr R.J.C. Saunders and Miss C.S. James**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Saunders, of Muscat, Oman, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher James, of Broughton Green, Droitwich, Worcestershire.

**Mr P.S. Sturgeon and Miss J.A. Smith**
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Sturgeon, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Smith, of Canterbury, Kent.

**Mr J.A. Wall and Mrs M.M. Adams**
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr George Wall and of Mrs Edith Wall, of London, and Michele, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Adams, of Napa, California.

**Mr M.A. Price and Miss C.P. Whitmore**
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of the late Dr John Price and of Mrs Price, of Toronto, Canada, and Clare, only daughter of the late Mr George J.M.H. Whitmore and of Mrs Whitmore, of Wyck Rissington, Gloucestershire.

**Mr P.D. Rennie and Miss H.J. Nutbrown**
The engagement is announced between Peter David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Rennie, of Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, and Hilary Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Nutbrown, of Sonning, Berkshire.

**Mr T.N.W. Rippingall and Miss S.V. Foster**
The engagement is announced between Neale, son of Major and Mrs Rippingall, of Rickinghall, Suffolk, and Susie, youngest daughter of Mrs Peter Willis and the late Major General John Foster, and stepdaughter of Dr Peter Willis, of Westow, York.

**Mr M.P. Stewart and Miss J.L. de Havilland**
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Stewart, of Frieston, Lincolnshire, and Jessica, stepdaughter of the late Major General Peter de Havilland and daughter of Mrs Angela de Havilland, of Higham, Suffolk.

**Mr R.W.M. Tuke and Miss A.C. Thornton-Kemsley**
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Commander and Mrs David Tuke, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Thornton-Kemsley, of Thornton, Kincardineshire.

**Mr R.N. Turner and Miss D.M. Roberts**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.J.R. Turner, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs O.J. Roberts, of Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex.

**Mr A.J. Walker and Miss R.M. Beard**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Andrew Walker, of Montferrer, France, and the late Mrs Christina Walker, of Aberdeen, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mrs Ann Johnston, of Aberfoyle, Perthshire, and the late Mr David Beard, of Andover, Hampshire.

## Marriage

**Mr J.E. Richardson and Mrs B. Long**
The marriage took place quietly in Reading last Saturday between Mr John Richardson, MS, FRCS, and Mrs Bettine Long, widow of Lieutenant Commander R.O.B. Long, of Swallowfield Park, Swallowfield, Reading, RG7 1TG.


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**BIRTHS**

ARNAOUTI - On New Years Eve 1993 to Ron and Sue, a son, Matthew Keith.

COMBRIDGE - On 4th January at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sheena (née Gates) and Paul, a daughter, Daisy Sheena, a sister for Ben.

GEDDES - On 27th December, to Selina (née Head) and Philip, a daughter, Emily Anne, a sister to David, Jamie and Tom.

GREENISH - On January 2nd 1994, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Jo (née Paterson) and Damian, a daughter, Louisa Marie Redfern, a sister for Freddy.

LILLYCROP - On 2nd January, to Kaye and David, a daughter, Catherine Flora Elizabeth, a sister for Jonathan and Christopher.

PUGH-SMITH - On January 6th, to John and Ann, a son, Marcus Christian, another brother for Jonathan and Gabriella and also for Christopher (already in heaven).

RUDD - On Boxing Day, to Sophie (née Haie) and Roland a son, Rory Edward Yarde.

VIRNO - On 4th January, to Fleur (née Hallet) and Paul, a son, Oscar Frederick, a brother for Toby.

WEBBER - On 4th January, to Heather (née McCallum) and Nigel, a son, Alastair Graham, a brother for Robert and Rosalind.

**DEATHS**

ARCHER - On 30th December, peacefully in Farnborough Hospital, Kent, Vivienne, dear wife of George, mother of Richard and of the late Paul, grandmother of Suzanne, Caroline and Catharine. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Chappells, 322 Crofton Road, Orpington to whom all enquiries should be directed.

BOURKE - Edna Annie at The Firs Nursing Home, Nottingham, on Wednesday 5th January 1994 aged 90. Widow of Dr. Bernard Bourke of Oxford Street, Southampton and beloved mother of Jim and Elizabeth and grandmother of Susan, Patrick, Michael and Annora. Funeral Service on Saturday 22nd January 1994 at 11.30 am in the Chapel University Hospital Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham.

BOWMAN-SHAW - On January 4th in Great Ormonde Street Hospital, Gia aged 4 months, much loved daughter of Fergus and Melissa and sister of Jake. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Toddington, Beds. at 3 pm on Wednesday January 12th. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Hospital for Sick Children (Cardiac Unit) Great Ormonde Street, London WC1. No letters, please. For further information ring (0525) 872676.

**DEATHS**

COBBOLD - Clarissa Olivier (née Sherrard) on January 1st 1994, dearly loved by all who knew her.

DUNN - It is with the deepest sadness that Gerry & Vildi Costa announce the passing of their beloved son-in-law, David, aged 30, loving husband to their daughter Janine, and brother in law to Marcel, on the 1st Jan, in Virginia Beach, USA. A brave and unselfish hero, who faced his illness with tremendous courage and dignity. We shall all miss him very much, but the love he left with, will be with us for ever. He will also be sadly missed by his parents, grandmother, sister and brothers, all of the USA, who gave him all the strength and support during his illness. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2 pm on 22nd Jan. 1994 in Virginia Beach. Donations to: David D. Dunn - Trust Fund c/o Christ the King Church, 1803 Columbia Av. Norfolk, Va. 23509 USA.

EVERS - On Jan 6th 1994, Charles Ernest St. John (Jack) OBE (Mill.) in his 92nd year, adored husband of Joanna for over 65 years. Dear Father to Valentine and Juliet and Grandfather to Andrew, Iona and Hugo. Funeral service to be held at St.Johns church Bury, W.Sussex on Thursday 13th January at 3pm.

FARRER - On 7th January Maurice late of Witherslack aged 85 darling husband of Joyce and dearest father of Trevor, Laurence and Frances. Funeral at St. Paul's W'therslack 11.30am Friday 14th January. Family flowers only.

GALVIN - Eric John, aged 82, on Wednesday 5th January 1994 in Barnet General Hospital. Deeply loved husband of Barbara and father to Nicholas, Timothy, Christian, William & Catherine. Funeral at 2.15pm Wednesday 12th January 1994, St Albans' Catholic Church, Nether Street, North Finchley and Burial at Hendon Cemetery. Donations, if desired to the Far East Prisoner of War Association, London c/o Dept A.G.M., 14 South Rise, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.

GOFTON-SALMOND - On January 6th peacefully at home after a long illness Heather "Min" dearly loved wife of Bruce, mother of Sarah Jane and Robert and devoted grandmother of Kate and Andrew. Funeral Service at Farnham Church Dorset on Thursday January 13th at 3.30pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Fund Salisbury c/o Richard T. Adlem Funeral Director Handley Salisbury

**DEATHS**

GREIG - On 6th January 1994 peacefully at the MacMillan Unit, Salisbury Hospital, Harriet Laura Sykes, wife of Robert and mother of James. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Alderbury, at 3 pm on Friday 14th January. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o L.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 1HL.

HANKEY - On January 3rd 1994 in the Macmillan Unit at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Antony Alers, aged 87, of Petworth. Beloved husband of Molly and father of Peter and Tim. Cremation has taken place. No letters please.

HOSE - On December 29th 1993, peacefully after a short illness, John Brian aged 78. No flowers or letters please.

KEOGH - On January 8th peacefully in hospital Dr.Desmond Foch Blanchfield, husband of June. Funeral service Friday 14th January at St.Denys, Northmoor at 12 noon.

LOVE - Suddenly on December 28th 1993 while on holiday in France, Charles Marshall, loving husband of June and dear father of Jaki and Andrew. Sadly missed. Funeral Service to be held in St Giles Cathedral, High Street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 11th January at 1.15 pm to which all friends and colleagues are invited, thereafter a private service to be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. Family flowers only please, but donations are invited in lieu to the Scottish Childrens' Hospice, c/o Clydesdale Bank Plc, Banking Dept., 30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2HL.

MATHIESON - On Jan 5, 1994, in the Intensive Care Unit of the Charing Cross Hospital, The Revd. Theodore, Superior in Calcutta of the Oxford Mission Brotherhood of the Epiphany, aged 80 years, after surgery for cancer. Funeral at The Parish Church, Chinnor, Oxon., at 12 noon on Thursday, Jan 13. No flowers, but donations to Oxford Mission, 22 The Harrage, Romsey, Hants SO51 8AE earmarked "Mathieson Music School". Memorial Service at St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, College Hill, College Street, London EC4 at 11.30 on Tuesday, March 15.

POSTGATE - Malcolm Robert on January 7th peacefully at home. He leaves his wife Beverly and three children Piers, Rachel and Amy. He was greatly loved by all his family and friends and will be sadly missed. Funeral Friday January 14th at St. Christopher's Winfrith at 11.30. Flowers to Grassby, Dorchester 262339 donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

**DEATHS**

REES - On January 7th peacefully in his sleep at home in Barnes, Llewellyn in his 93rd year, beloved husband of Madeleine and Father of Sarah-Jane, and Nicholas. Donations to the National Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Children, 28 Addiscombe Grove, East Croydon, CR0 5LP.

SMITH - On December 3rd. Peacefully at home, Victor George, aged 81 years. Devoted husband of Hilda. Beloved father of Ted, Don and Tara. "Daddy Vic" to innumerable others.

WOODWARD - On January 5th, at the retreat York, Frank Harrison M.A., Honorary fellow of Selwyn College Cambridge in his 90th year a loved husband, Father and Grandfather. Private family funeral.

YARBOROUGH-PARKER - On 2nd January 1994, peacefully Marjorie, (née Pugh), aged 89 years. Mother of Barbara and Daphne and loved grandmother. Funeral at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells on Friday 14th January at 10.00am. Family flowers only, but donations to British Diabetic Association, c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. Tel. (0435) 882219.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

DORMAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of Sir Maurice and Lady Dorman will be held on Thursday 20th January at 3.30pm in St Paul's Cathedral. Tickets are not required. Everyone is welcome.

O'BRYAN-TEAR - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Terry O'Bryan-Tear, will be held at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London SW1 on Friday January 21st 1994, at 11.45 am.

**IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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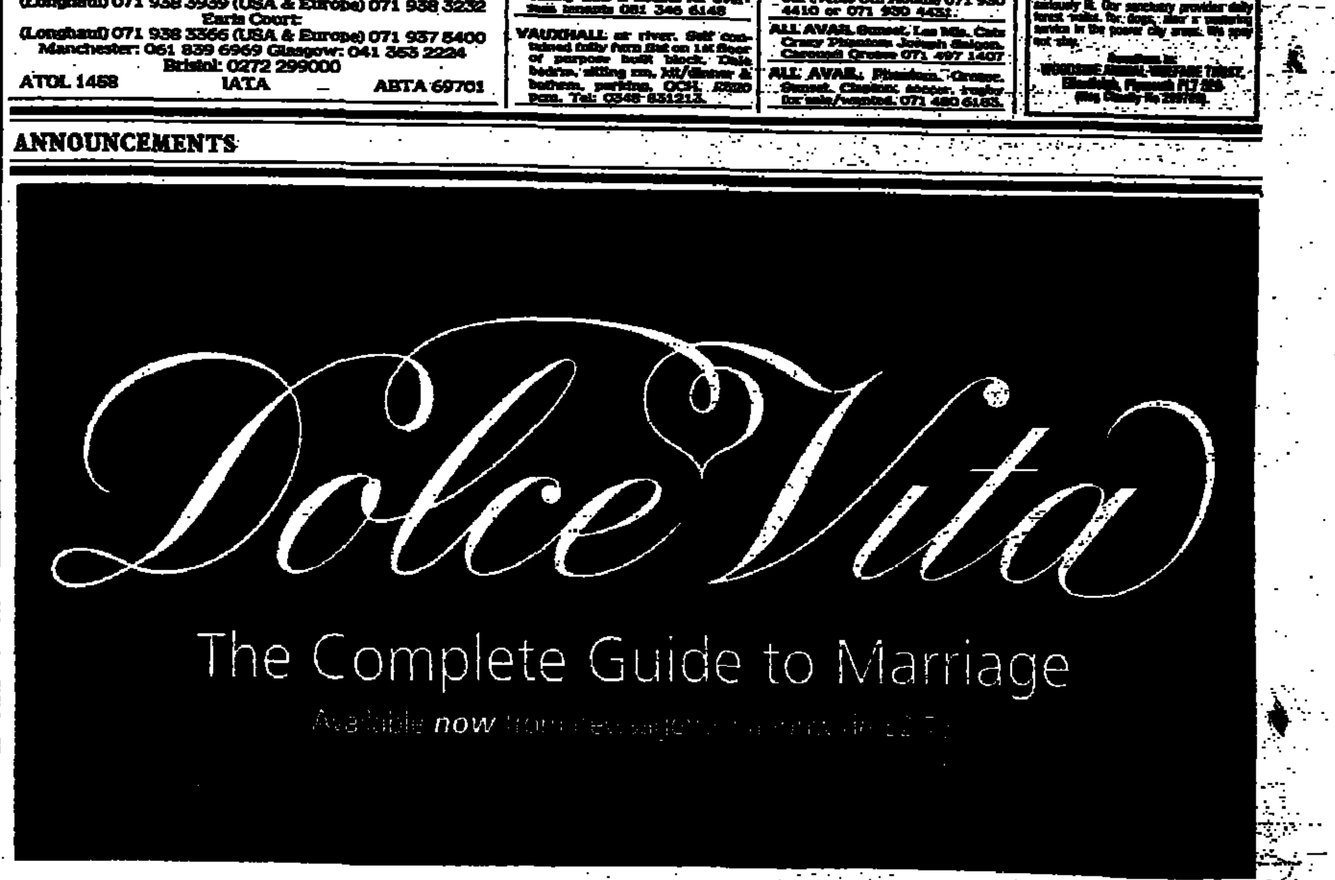
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# OBITUARIES

## JOHN LENIHAN

**Professor John Lenihan, OBE, physicist, died on December 27 aged 75. He was born in Carlisle on June 23, 1918.**



JOHN LENIHAN was a physicist who made significant contributions to the harnessing of technology to health care, the development of technical education, the management of environmental hazards and the popularisation of science.

From the outset of his career in the National Health Service Lenihan advocated the concept of physics as a clinical discipline, to be taught in the wards, theatres and clinics by people practising their profession in the hospitals. His appointment in 1973 as Glasgow's first Professor of Clinical Physics gave an opportunity for the eventual fulfilment of these long-cherished ideas. In the university's nursing degree course, which Lenihan helped to design, students had their introduction to hospitals and patients in the clinical physics class, meeting for a whole day each week: teaching was conducted in wards, clinical departments or classrooms nearby. When the medical curriculum in Glasgow was reorganised in 1976, a course in clinical physics was included.

The son of a schoolmaster, John Mark Anthony Lenihan was educated at Heaton Secondary School, Newcastle upon Tyne, where he gained an open entrance scholarship and a corporation exhibition to Armstrong College (later King's College and now the University of Newcastle upon Tyne). He graduated from there in 1938 with a BSc. He was then appointed a student demonstrator and began research in acoustics. During wartime service in the Royal Corps of Signals he returned to King's College to help with the education of army personnel and resumed his acoustical research for which (with another study of the hydrodynamics of a liquid jet) he was awarded an MSc in 1941. He then began an experiment, which was to prove long and arduous, to measure the speed of sound in free air, using modern electronic techniques. This work was still in progress when he left Newcastle in 1945.

Somewhat surprisingly offered a lectureship in Natural Philosophy at Glasgow University, Lenihan taught there from 1946 to 1948. His acoustical work was concluded in 1948, yielding a definitive value for the speed of sound, agreeing closely with theoretical prediction and, in all probability, signalling the end of a quest which had occupied experimenters since the time of Leonardo. For this work he was awarded the degree of PhD of Glasgow University in 1949.

By then he had taken up a new post as Physicist to the Western Infirmary of Glasgow. His initial duties were in the departments of radiology and radiotherapy but he realised that the administrative structure of the newly-formed National Health Service in Scotland (in which teaching hospitals were managed by regional hospital boards and not, as in England, by separately-funded boards of governors) would be compatible with the employment of medical physicists in a regional service, rather than in individual hospitals or clinical units.

This concept, though entirely novel, was timely, for the invasion of health care by technology was about to begin. The Regional Physics Department, established in 1953, succeeded in reconciling two apparently incompatible requirements. For their day-to-day work, staff were located in hospitals, spending their time in the wards, theatres and academic departments as members of clinical teams engaged in research, development, teaching and other aspects of patients care. But for career development, funding, expert assistance, strategic management and other long-term needs they belonged to an organisation directed by members of their own profession.

After the reorganisation of the National Health Service in 1974 the decision was taken to maintain the existing organisation, then designated the Department of Clinical Physics and Bio-engineering. When Lenihan retired in 1983 the department had grown from its one-man beginning to a remarkable strength of nearly 300.

Lenihan was influential in wider spheres, leading the Government's initiative in the support of computing in clinical research and in the objective evaluation of clinical equipment. As a senior officer of both the Institute of Physics and the Hospital Physicists Association, he had a decisive role in developing effective collaboration between the two organisations.

He had a keen interest in technical education. He was appointed to the Scottish Technical Education Council and served as the council's first chairman between 1973 and 1978. In this capacity he guided a radical reorganisation of technician education, based on close collaboration among education authorities, teachers and employers to provide a better service to industry.

He was a pioneer in the application of neutron activation analysis to clinical, forensic, environmental and historical problems. The Environmental Health Laboratory, which he established in collaboration with the Department of Forensic Medicine and Science of the University of Glasgow, gained a world-wide reputation through its studies of the impact of the chemical environment on human health. In 1976 he served as Regents Professor of Chemistry in the University of California, Irvine.

A quick and fluent writer, Lenihan was for 30 years the science correspondent of *The Glasgow Herald*, producing leaders, news reports, book reviews and a weekly column. He wrote textbooks on electronics and on atomic energy, as well as several works of popular science.

After his retirement in 1983 he continued to work in Glasgow as a senior research fellow in the Department of Studies until 1989; he also served on the research committee of the National Board for Nursing. He remained active as a speaker and writer; his book *The Crumbs of Creation*, published in his 71st year, was runner-up in the 1989 science book competition organised by the Royal Society of London. His last book *The Good News About Radiation* appeared in 1993.

John Lenihan is survived by his wife Nancy, a son and a daughter.

## LLEWELLYN REES

**Llewellyn Rees, actor and theatre administrator, died on January 7 aged 93. He was born in Dorset on June 18, 1901.**



LLEWELLYN REES was an actor who grew into one of the most expert administrators in the modern theatre; and who then, after 17 years in which he endured intensive experience of stage politics, returned to acting.

During those years he was drama director at the Arts Council from 1947 to 1949, a time when it needed patience and clarity of thought to handle the council's growing pains. Then, in 1949, he went on to the Old Vic as administrator, arriving at a moment of acute internal tension and remaining for a difficult two years which straddled the company's move back to Waterloo Road.

Walter Llewellyn Rees was educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham, and Keble College, Oxford. He worked at first as a private tutor — learning more, he suggested, from his pupils than they did from him. Eventually, after training at RADA, he toured, acted in repertory and arrived at the Embassy Theatre, Swiss Cottage, in *Miracle at Verdun* in 1932.

In the mid-1930s he was in several West End productions — *The Lake*, *Mrs Nobby Clark* and *Hervey House*. From 1935-36 he acted and directed for the Scottish National Players. In 1937 he had a part in *Judgment Day* at the Strand, and that September he crossed to New York as stage director of *George and Margaret*.

His administrative career began with a period as general secretary of British Actors' Equity (1940-46), during which he also served, at various times, as joint secretary of the London Theatre Council and of the Provincial Theatre Council, secretary of the Federation of Theatre Unions and, ironically, as a governor of the Old Vic from 1945 to 1947.

Rees was a wise negotiator and, from his time as both actor and general secretary of Equity, he knew how best to serve a highly sensitive profession. So it surprised no one when, in 1947, he became drama director of the Arts Council, an awkward post which called for a mixture of tact and decision.

His move to the contentious affairs of the Old Vic was, however, to be unfortunate, and he was engulfed by the complexity of the disputes which raged there before and after the move back to Waterloo Road. Rees's attitude was unpopular with the governors, and when they overruled him it was agreeably theatrical (as he himself would wryly say) that the letter asking for his resignation should have come while he was in Oslo as chairman of the executive o the International Theatre Institute.

For a time he stayed ir administration, with the Art Theatre and with Donal Wolfit. But he preferred, eve as an affectionately regarde elder statesman, to return t the stage, which he did in 195

There, as serenely author tative as in the committe room, he was sometimes i long runs: 664 performance in the revival of *Lock Up Yo Daughters* (1962) and 570 Sir Henry James, QC, in *Th Right Honourable Gentl man* (1964). His last West Er appearance was as Mr Justi *Millhouse* in Brian Clark *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* at t Savoy Theatre (1978).

Impressively handsom and apparently at ease wi any problem, he had a assured manner that cou hide a certain diffidence though it was not visit during his official career.

Much of his experience an administrator must ha been disheartening, but took the boardroom flurries they came — remaining equ ble, gently amused, and ways respected by colleagues.

He was chairman of t executive committee of t International Theatre Institu from 1948 to 1951 and later honorary president. Fro 1952 to 1975 he was a memb of the British Council Dra Committee and from 19 honorary counsellor to t Council of Regional Theatre

He is survived by his wi the actress Madelei Newbury, whom he marr in 1961, and a son and daughter.

## LESLIE EVERSHED-MARTIN

**Leslie Evershed-Martin, CBE, founder of Chichester Festival Theatre, died on January 7 aged 90. He was born on May 25, 1903.**

CHICHESTER Festival Theatre was the first open-stage theatre to be built within easy reach of London. That it was built at all was largely thanks to Leslie Evershed-Martin.

In January 1959 Evershed-Martin, an ophthalmic optician with a keen interest in theatre, saw Huw Weldon's *Monitor* programme on the new theatre at Stratford, Ontario. The aim of the theatre, which incorporated a "thrust" stage, was to bring drama out from behind the frame of the proscenium arch and place it once more on an open stage surrounded on three sides by the audience. The theory was that such performances were more likely to keep live, three-dimensional theatre in existence against movies and TV.

The *Monitor* programme inspired Evershed-Martin to build a similar theatre at Chichester. Having twice been mayor of the city made it easier for him to push the idea through to completion, though even then it was by no means achieved without difficulty.

He enlisted the support of Tyrone Guthrie as project adviser, set up a trust and persuaded the local council to let him have a site adjoining the old city walls for a peppercorn rent. After raising £110,000 for the theatre's construction, and the inevitable building delays, the Chichester Festival Theatre opened in 1962.

Evershed-Martin offered its first artistic directorship to Laurence Olivier, then in New York and recently married to Joan Plowright, who jumped at the chance of returning to Britain, and taking on what he saw as a dress rehearsal for the National Theatre at the Old Vic.

Although artistic directors — John Clements and Keith Michell followed Olivier — were allowed carte blanche with the programme, Evershed-Martin was not above registering his disapproval of certain plays. In 1983 his record of never missing a first night (he insisted on paying for his seat) was broken after a dispute with the theatre's then artistic director Patrick Garland, who planned to put on John Osborne's *A Patriot For Me* — a play once banned by the Lord Chamberlain for its homosexual theme. Evershed-Martin remained active on the theatre's board and trust to the end, being appointed OBE in 1967 and promoted CBE in 1990.

He had an amateur interest in the theatre throughout his life, founding the Chichester Players in 1933 and writing books on the subject — *The Impossible Theatre* (1971) and *The Miracle Theatre* (1987).

Leslie Eric Evershed-Martin was born in Balham, the son of a bank manager, and was educated at Selhurst Grammar School at Croydon and at Northampton Polytechnic where he studied ophthalmic optics. He started his career as an ophthalmic optitician at G. C. Bateman, in Chichester, and in 1933 set up his own practice, specialising after the war in contact lenses. He missed active service in the war through deafness, but served in the Home Guard.

Evershed-Martin was chairman of the Association of Optical Practitioners, 1950-51. He sat on West Sussex County Council from 1954-58, Chichester City Council from 1941-59 and was mayor from 1955-56.

He is survived by his wife Carol, whom he married in 1929, and two sons.

## JOHN HAMILTON



**John Hamilton, MC, naval artist, died suddenly in the Scilly Isles on December 30 aged 74. He was born on June 13, 1919.**

JOHN HAMILTON was in every way a big man: 6ft 8½in tall, he specialised in big paintings of the big naval dramas of the 20th century. He had extraordinary energy and enthusiasm, coupled with the patience needed to get every detail of his paintings exactly right.

As a young man, Hamilton gave no hint of the artist to come. He was educated at Bradfield and then joined the Queen's Regiment. He was in India when war broke out, and was among the first soldiers into Burma. There he was wounded, and awarded the Military Cross. He spent a year in hospital in India.

After the war he worked in a Borstal in Suffolk, and then went out to the Gold Coast (later Ghana) to start the approved school system there. After eight years he returned to England, and had a spell in industry.

It was a holiday in Tresco in 1960 that changed the course of his life. He determined to live there, and in due course became a full-time painter. He was entirely self-taught, and not just in painting. He acquired a detailed knowledge of the naval campaigns of the Second World War and traced their actions through his paintings. Some of his paintings were collected into books, and the text he wrote to accompany them was as fluent as that of any historian.

His first big collection covered the war in the Atlantic: more than 70 paintings in all, which now have a permanent gallery in HMS *Belfast*. He then turned to the war in the Pacific, and the full collection of roughly a hundred paintings now hangs in the Pentagon. One of the paintings, of the young George Bush adrift in his life-raft, was presented by Hamilton to the then Vice-President in 1984.

More recently, Hamilton painted a series on the Falklands campaign, and published a book on it. It was on a visit to the South Atlantic that he came to be fascinated by the wild beauty of Antarctica. This prompted him to begin a new and no less ambitious series of 200 Antarctic paintings. He set up a UK arm of the Antarctic Heritage Trust in 1992. He leaves his wife Betty, a son and a daughter.

## LAUCHLIN CURRIE

**Lauchlin Currie, New Deal economist, died in Bogota, Colombia, on December 23 aged 91. He was born in West Dublin, Nova Scotia, on October 8, 1902.**

LAUCHLIN CURRIE was an intellectual leader of the economics wing of the New Deal policy-makers in Washington in the 1930s, and a close adviser to President Roosevelt during the Second World War. His reputation in political circles was enhanced by a distinguished war record, when he undertook sensitive missions in the Far East and Europe on behalf of the US Administration. But afterwards he was bought before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Currie's career never recovered and he spent the rest of his life in Colombia.

After a childhood in Nova Scotia Lauchlin Currie studied under two outstanding economists — Edwin Cannan at the London School of Economics, 1922-25, and Allyn Young at Harvard.

He began dealing on the stock market, but subsequently lost the small fortune he had amassed in the Wall Street Crash and was forced to remain at Harvard until 1934 as a junior faculty member and teaching assistant. Unlike some of his colleagues, who were fond of dwelling on the salutary nature of the Great Depression, Currie's economic views were very much in tune with those of his friend John Maynard Keynes. Currie was convinced that economic and humanitarian principles could be combined through Roosevelt's New Deal policies, which advocated artificially creating employment through increased expenditure on public works. Currie wrote a series of articles to this effect.

These heretical ideas did nothing to help his promotion chances at Harvard. But they caused the economist Jacob Viner to take note. Viner told Currie he was too good for Harvard and in 1934 he invited him to join what was known as the "freshmen brains trust" at the US Treasury.

There Currie met Marriner Eccles, who was later to become chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Currie moved with him to the board as assistant director of research and remained there until 1939 when Roosevelt appointed him — the first professional economist in the White House — as his personal adviser on economic affairs.

Currie's early work in the White House, where he stayed



until Roosevelt's death in 1945, was an extension of his advice on lending and spending out of recession, but with increased attention to the defence build-up in advance of Pearl Harbor.

During the war he was sent on missions to neutral countries such as Sweden and Switzerland to persuade them to stop supplying the Germans with war matériel. He also helped set up Claire Chennault's famous Flying Tigers, which were a major hindrance to Japanese air squadrons early in the war. In January 1941 Currie was sent to China to advise on mo tary policy. On his return Washington, he sugges that China be added to the Lend-Lease programme.

Two years later he recc mended General Joseph S well's recall from China on ground that he was incapa of working effectively w General Chiang Kai-sh This, together with his cl association with Harry Dex White, the architect of Bretton Woods system, wa cause him to run foul Senator Joseph McCarthy the late 1940s. Currie w accused of passing inform tion to Soviet spies and mad voluntary appearance bef the House Un-American tivities Committee in 1949 deny the charges. But, desp a spirited defence, his car in America was fatally blig ed.

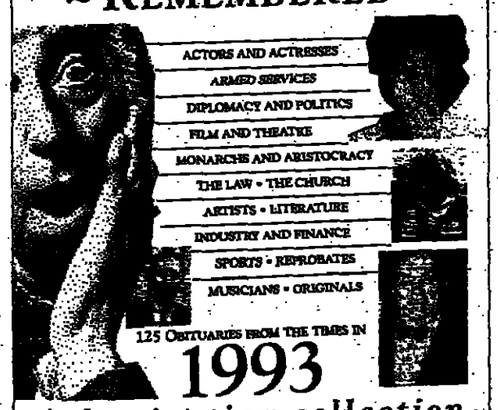
Nevertheless in 1949 he w appointed director of World Bank's first study m sion to Colombia. In 1950 was invited to return there advise on the implementati of the "Plan Currie" for in grating Colombia's transp system and liberalising economy. He married a lombian, and in 1958 Presid Alberto Lleras conferred lombian citizenship upon hi following difficulties in rene ing his American passport.

Currie spent the rest of life there, advising success Colombian presidents on e nomic policy. At the time of death he was busy polishi the final draft of a pap entitled "The Implications an Endogenous Theory Growth Based on All Young's Macroeconomic C cept of Increasing Returns".

His hobby for the last years was the cultivation irises. His love of the plan stemmed, he said, from t fact that they never tried resist his policy prescriptio

Currie is survived by h second wife, Elvira Wiesner Currie, and their daught and by a son from his fi marriage. Two other so predeceased him.

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## Nature notes



The grey lag goose

SNOW and floods set geese on the move in Scotland. Grey lag geese poke through the snow to find food in the fields for as long as they can, but many of the large flocks of pink-footed geese move south to the Solway Firth and Lancashire. The pink-foots honk musically and fill the sky like a dark cloud. Floods around the Severn drive some of the white-fronted geese to new fields where the grass is not submerged. In Essex, a red-fronted goose, a Siberian species, has been seen with a flock of brent-geese near Southend. Wintering whooper swans are also roaming further afield for dry feeding places.

Plants are flourishing in the rain. The new season's cow parsley already has large fern-like leaves. The aromatic, harp-shaped leaves of ground ivy are coming up everywhere, some of them as large as a jam-jar lid. They are creeping plants, and now have a fairly free run on the ground, but many of them will be buried by the dense vegetation of summer. Thistles are appearing: the low lying rosettes of leaves are still soft, but the prickles on them can already pierce the skin. DJM

## The Queen Elizabeth burnt out in Hongkong

Hongkong, Monday morning. —The hulk of the former luxury liner Queen Elizabeth started falling apart today as flames raked it from stem to stern outside Hongkong harbour. The 83,000 ton vessel has been burning fiercely for nearly 24 hours.

Officials said the main mast had collapsed and the aft promenade deck caved in during the night. The upper decks were collapsing, too.—Reuter.

**Our Hongkong Correspondent writes:** The liner caught fire while 200 men were on board refitting her for her inaugural cruise as a floating university.

According to the authorities, most of the workers were rescued unhurt. Nine were injured, most of them only slightly. However, fire experts fear that some men may have been trapped between decks as the fire developed into an inferno.

For nearly everybody associated with the 83,000-ton liner Queen Elizabeth, builders, owners, passengers and crew alike, she was the most beautiful ship in the world. The liner, for so long the pride of Britain's passenger fleet, provided a unique service during the 30 years of her life before she was settled in retirement as a floating hotel at Port Everglades, Florida, in 1968.

This latest disaster comes after she had been rescued from the scrapheap, and when her value, at least on the insurance market, was higher than for many years. After the company formed to launch her career at Port Everglades went bankrupt, the Hongkong shipping magnate, C. Y. Tung, paid about £1,350,000 to convert her into a floating university and cruise liner. It was to be named the Seawise University, a play of words on his initials.

The last journey was not a happy one, for only two of the four engines, and six of the 12 boilers were in use, considerably reducing the ship's power. "She did not go as well as she had done," Commodore Marr admitted.

The Queen Elizabeth was built in 1938 on the Clyde by the John Brown company, and launched, as the latest and most luxurious transatlantic liner just 12 months before the outbreak of the Second World War. Her maiden voyage was delayed because of the war, and she eventually sailed 18 months later to New York, untried, unfinished and unarmed to start duty as one of the world's biggest troopships.

Hitler offered U-boat captains a reward equivalent to about £83,000 at present rates and the Iron Cross for the man who sank her. But the liner carried 800,000 troops across the Atlantic alone and at last sailed into her home port, Southampton, for the first time in 1945, after wartime voyages of 500,000 miles.

After the war, the Queen began her years of transatlantic voyages until old age and the jet age ended her glorious days. The elegant old lady's statistics were awe inspiring. She carried 2,230 passengers and a crew of 1,200. Her kitchens could prepare £50,000 of food and drink including up to 7,000lb of butter, 2,000lb of cheese and 64,000 eggs.

**Christopher Warman**

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*The end of an elegant lady. The Queen Elizabeth, the largest liner ever built, was 1,031ft long, 234ft high with a promenade deck of 724ft. She had two cinemas, three swimming pools, three libraries and 28 lifts.*

## NEWS

### Tories split over back-to-basics

■ John Major was battling to justify his back to basics strategy as a clear split emerged in his party over whether the policy should be ditched in the light of further scandals.

The prime minister came under renewed criticism for failing to clarify the policy to restore traditional values. Doubts were again raised over Mr Major's leadership with Tories concerned over his handling of Tim Yeo's resignation and his muddled message on personal morality ..... **Pages 1, 2**

### Clinton promises support for Europe

■ President Clinton used his first official speech in Europe to restate America's absolute commitment to Europe's security and stability. But he insisted the way to achieve that was through a new collective determination to foster democracy and free markets in the former Soviet bloc..... **Pages 1, 9**

### Township attack

A journalist was shot dead and at least seven other people were wounded in a hail of gunfire from a Zulu workers' hostel as ANC leaders led a peace mission through black townships near Johannesburg..... **Page 1**

### £100m flood bill

Flood damage in southern England could top £100 million. Forecasters predict that heavy rain will continue across Britain for much of this week..... **Page 1**

### Major's tax regret

John Major said that he wished the party had not fought the 1992 general election on a platform of lower taxes ..... **Page 2**

### Hit-and-run death

A teenager walking arm-in-arm with his girl friend on their way home from a wedding, died after being struck twice by hit-and-run drivers..... **Page 3**

### Fire spreads

Australia's bush fires grew seriously worse after firefighters and residents had been lulled into a false sense of security by the easing of the heatwave..... **Page 10**

### Women drivers

The traditional male view that women make poor drivers will be overturned tonight in a survey for BBC television which shows they are better than men..... **Page 4**

### School failure

Many state schools are failing to guarantee value for money, say Government inspectors.... **Page 5**

### Cheaper skiing

Ski holidays are being sold for as little as £119 a week as operators face a bookings slump..... **Page 7**

### Air you breathe

The threat to the nation's health from air pollution has prompted charities, research scientists, doctors and MPs to launch a concerted campaign for tighter controls on air quality ..... **Page 8**

### Tunnel secrets

A complex of tunnels beneath Dover castle, dug out in 1941 for a wartime combined operations headquarters, may soon yield its secrets ..... **Page 4**

### Booming abbeys

Orders for everything from fancy chocolates to china vases and compost, have left British abbeys with more business than they can handle..... **Page 4**

### Archer mission

Lord Archer is leading a group to Iraq to assure the Kurds of British support in their fight against Saddam Hussein ..... **Page 11**

### Ukraine deal

Ukraine is said to be close to agreeing a deal with Russia and America on dismantling its nuclear arsenal ..... **Page 9**

### Peacemakers needed

If President Clinton believes in American leadership, he should invite John Major and Eduard Balladur, to plan common strategies for peacemaking which may be needed in Eastern Europe. *The Times* essay ..... **Page 9**

### Archers aim for the top

■ Radio listeners fighting for Susan Carter — a character in the *The Archers* — are hoping that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will appear in the programme to help Susan who was jailed for aiding her brother to evade arrest. Jenny Webb, a lecturer, said that Mr Howard — her MP — had promised to do what he could to secure Susan's release..... **Page 1**



Braving frozen blocks floating on the water, Japanese men pray at a Tokyo shrine during the 39th ice-water bathing ceremony

## BUSINESS

**Training enquiry:** The National Audit Office is conducting an investigation of the finances of Training and Enterprise Councils, which are heavily criticised by the London School of Economics.. **Pages 36, 34**

**Interest rates:** The Chancellor will meet the Governor of the Bank of England on Wednesday to discuss interest rate policy amid signs of confidence among owner-managed business and consumers, who are taking more credit ..... **Page 36**

**Lottery pitch:** Rank Organisation, the leisure and gambling group, and Vernons, the football pool promoter, are among a growing number of big firms pitching for the National Lottery ..... **Page 33**

## SPORT

**Football:** Non-league Kidderminster Harriers, who beat Birmingham City in the third round of the FA Cup, have been drawn at home to Preston North End. The favourites, Manchester United, who beat Sheffield United yesterday, are at Norwich..... **Page 19**

**Cricket:** England A completed their fourth victory in five first-class matches on tour in South Africa when they beat Northern Transvaal by eight wickets ..... **Page 20**

**Yachting:** Lawrie Smith and his European crew aboard *Intrum Justitia* led the fleet away when the Whitbread Round the World race resumed from Fremantle, Western Australia..... **Page 21**

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, has decided to back Edwina Currie in her campaign to lower the age of consent to 16 for homosexuals **Page 5**



Lorena Bobbitt who today stands trial for malicious wounding — cutting off her husband's penis — in a case that has divided America **Page 10**



Richard Leakey, the paleontologist who runs Kenya's successful game reserves, is accused of "racism" by a leading Masai politician **Page 11**

**Jim's retiring:** "Most people are total creatures of habit. What I have is ultimate freedom. I have all the money in the world, no dependants." Julia Llewellyn Smith with Sir Jimmy Savile..... **Page 12**

**Tuned in:** French Connection has been a constant hit on the high street. Iain R. Webb on Stephen Marks and his company, which produces 3,000,000 garments a year..... **Page 13**

**Classic lessons:** The headteacher of an inner-city school decided that Latin would help his multi-lingual pupils find their feet in English ..... **Page 27**

**Bitter memories:** Billy Roche's new Irish-memory play, *The Cavalcaders*, is a marvellous if somewhat elusive work that confirms his status as one of the most important dramatists today..... **Page 29**

**Rocking reunion:** Stadiums around the world pulsate to UB40's blend of reggae, dancehall and dub in music which crosses barriers of culture, colour and age. No wonder Birmingham was so keen to welcome them back..... **Page 29**

**Applauding Benjamin:** As expected, Leanne Benjamin brought all the familiar highlights to vivid life in her first Covent Garden Juliet. But she also found some nuances of her own..... **Page 30**

## THE TIMES TOMORROW

### Why fraud prosecutions fail

■ Where does the blame lie for the recent string of lamentable results in fraud prosecutions?

### Best of the five nations

■ The five nations' championship, the highlight of the rugby union year, kicks off this weekend. *The Times* begins an assessment of those likely to be playing an influential role

### To film or not to film

■ Is it too late to save Elstree studios, home to everything from Britain's first talkie to *Star Wars* and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*?

## LEADERS

An anthology of cases reveals the extraordinary intensity of disputes between neighbours. *Intolerance* (Channel 4, 9 pm)..... **Page 35**

## VIEW

### Collective conscience

The Prime Minister should clearly say that individual bedroom choices have no place in politics . . . Collective responsibility does not extend to conscience ..... **Page 15**

### The generous Israel

There are still more than 11,000 Palestinians in jail, and the Israeli security forces are not gentler in the occupied territories . . . Israel must not lose the only hope of real peace that it has..... **Page 15**

### Skating the music

If what Torvill and Dean do on ice is deemed merely middlebrow show-business, sport could do with more of it..... **Page 15**

### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

If Mr Major comes to be seen as the champion of British institutions and values, that could provide him with a political base which he has previously lacked . . . If he could win on this ground, he could transform the political situation of his party..... **Page 14**

### PETER RIDDELL

The American-inspired *Partnership for Peace* fudges the question of enlarging Nato to include central European countries previously in the Warsaw Pact. The American priority is not to do anything which might undermine Boris Yeltsin . . . But the West could put at risk the gains from its victory in the Cold War..... **Page 14**

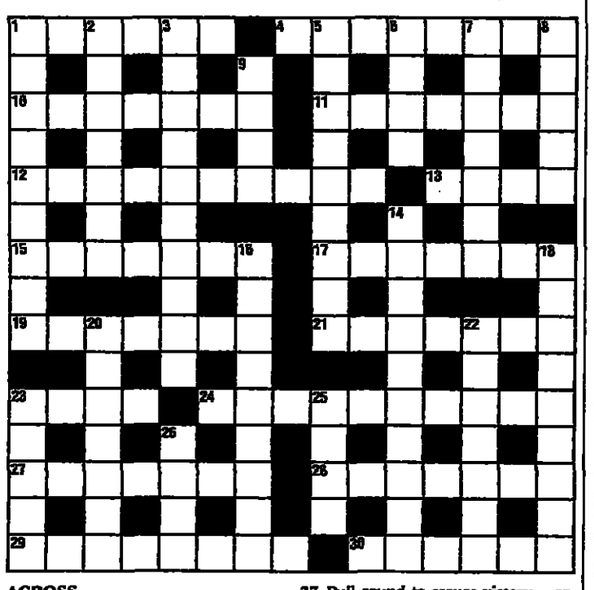
Jail sentences for women? *The Archers* offers lessons..... **Page 15**

The military threat that frightens Eastern Europe is, at worst, years away. One way to keep the threat from ever becoming a reality is to begin treating both Russia and the Eastern Europeans as partners — *The New York Times*

Mr Major faces a tough year of unpopular tax rises and local and Euro elections. It may take Gerry Adams to save him — *Independent on Sunday*

The Government which has been preaching morals to its people, has lost all moral authority to govern — *Sunday Mirror*

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,435



**ACROSS**

1 Outlaw gang with appeal (6).
4 Type of cap for a prison officer? (5-3).
10 Representative in vineyard with the French founder (7).
11 Weapon covering retreat of gunners followed by tank leader from turret (7).
12 Possible to cross water submerging motorway, but it's dangerous (10).
13 Female student outfit rejected (4).
15 Sponge served after bread in fishy delicacy (7).
17 "...extant and written in very choice ———" (*Hamlet*) (7).
19 Tom-tit was kept by doctor (7).
21 Honorary workers in trial broadcast (7).
23 Abandoned port (4).
24 A Governor-general negotiating rise and increase in power (10).
27 Pull round to secure victory – or getting a tie? (7).
28 Calm current in American river (7).
29 Made attractive design to include expensive eastern components (8).
30 Headgear for engineers involved in risks (6).

**DOWN**

1 Second shot rebounded (9).
2 On the fence to see astonishing late run (7).
3 Gremlin fliers found on take-off initially responsible for damage? (10).
5 Firm implant for treatment of illness (9).
6 Feather nest to accommodate bird (4).
7 Express in one of the main stations, perhaps (7).
8 A bit of floral decoration in a ring round shirt (5).
9 Goddess getting hard time (4).
14 Restriction on horse fair during bad weather (10).
16 Exercises expected to absorb keen teacher (9).
18 Confident monarch boarding new vessel on voyage (9).
20 Casual worker has bad start (7).
22 Beastly accommodation for neat occupants, perhaps (7).
23 Book right off shelf (5).
25 Sent under cover reportedly (4).
26 Type of airman getting little money on way up? (4).

KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,434 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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## TIMES WEATHERCALL

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## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Falmouth, Cornwall, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Dunkeswell, Devon, 0.71in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 0.2hr.

Tourist rates are on page 33

**General:** Cloud and rain will cover the country in the morning. Some of the rain could be quite heavy. It will become brighter and drier in western areas later. Showers will break out, with those near the south coast being heavy with a chance of thunder. Many eastern counties will have cloud and rain for much of the day. Mild everywhere.

**SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands and the E Coast:** Cloudy with heavy rain at times. Wind S or SE moderate. Max 10C (50F).

**S and SW England:** Rain early. Showers later, heavy, perhaps with thunder. Wind SE, veering SW later, mainly moderate. Max 8C (46F).

**W Midlands, Central, NW and NE England, Lake District and Borders:** Cloudy with rain, heavy at times. Perhaps brighter later. Wind SE, moderate. Max 7C (45F).

**Wales, Isle of Man, W Scotland, N Ireland:** Rain dying out. Sunny periods and showers. Wind S or SW, moderate. Max 8C (46F).

**E and Central Scotland:** Rain, heavy at times. Brighter later with showers. Wind SE, veering SW, mainly moderate. Max 6C (43F).

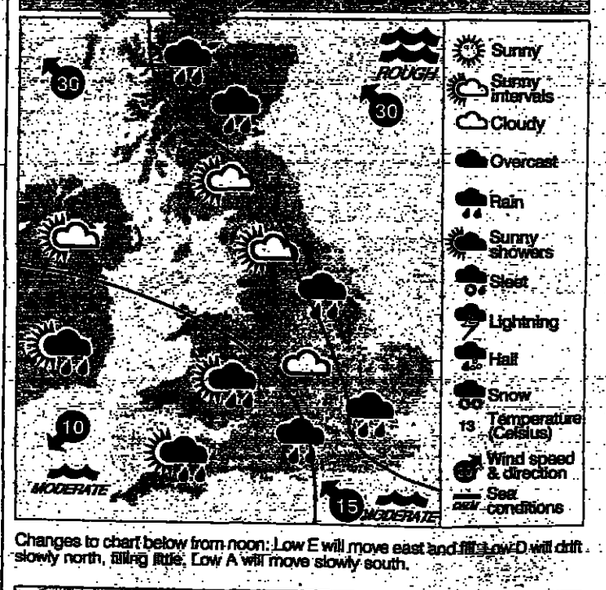
**Orkney and Shetland:** Cloudy with rain, heavy at times. Wind SE, fresh. Max 4C (39F).

**Outlook:** Continuing unsettled with further rain or showers.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright. (X = not available)

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| Alex'dria | 22 | 72 | s | Eskdalemuir | 1 | 34 | c | Sandown | 8 | 46 | b |
| Algiers | 15 | 59 | f | Exmouth | 9 | 48 | r | Santiago | 31 | 88 | s |
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| Anglesey | 6 | 43 | r | Faro | 15 | 59 | c | Scarboro' | 2 | 36 | c |
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| Bangkok | 30 | 86 | s | Gibraltar | 15 | 59 | f | Southport | 3 | 37 | r |
| Barbados | 29 | 84 | f | Glasgow | 4 | 39 | c | Southsea | 8 | 46 | c |
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| Borde'x | 12 | 54 | c | Istanbul | 16 | 61 | s | Naples | 15 | 59 | c |
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| Cologne | 3 | 37 | c | Lisbon | 16 | 59 | f | Perth | 33 | 91 | s | Valencia | 17 | 63 | s |
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| Isle of Man | 7 | 45 | r | Nairobi | 25 | 79 | f | Tangier | 15 | 59 | f | | | | |
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UK temperatures at 6pm yesterday. World temperatures at midday local time. X = figures not available




Changes to chart below from noon: Low E will move east and fill; Low D will drift slowly north, filling little; Low A will move slowly south.




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| Devonport | 4.09 | 5.1 | 4.37 | 5.0 | Oban | 4.28 | 3.7 | 4.52 | 3.7 |
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| Falmouth | 3.36 | 4.8 | 4.07 | 4.8 | Portland | 5.07 | 1.9 | 5.33 | 1.8 |
| Glasgow | 11.39 | 4.7 | 11.58 | 4.6 | Portsmouth | 9.45 | 4.8 | 10.22 | 4.6 |
| Harwich | 10.21 | 3.76 | 10.49 | 3.77 | Shoreham | 9.51 | 5.50 | 10.24 | 5.69 |
| Holyhead | 8.52 | 5.56 | 9.22 | 5.29 | Southampton | 9.22 | 4.38 | 9.58 | 4.44 |
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IAN STEWART



Hughes rifles in the goal at Bramall Lane yesterday that was enough to beat Sheffield United and take Manchester United into the fourth round of the FA Cup

# Hughes hailed hero and villain

Sheffield United .....0
Manchester United.....1

BY PETER BALL

BRAMALL Lane saw the best and worst of Mark Hughes yesterday. The volatile Wales forward scored the only goal in a fiercely competitive FA Cup third-round tie to keep Manchester United firing on all league and cup fronts, but then finally snapped under continued close attention and was sent off in the 88th minute.

Hughes's frustration mirrored United's in a match that never flowed. After the champagne of the 3-3 draw at Anfield on Tuesday, this was cold tea. United rarely displayed the quality that has made them 11-1 to do the domestic treble, odds that reflect their dominance of the English game.

You would not have believed that dominance or those odds yesterday, particularly in the first half. It is hard to remember when United played as badly as they did in the first 45 minutes. Sheffield could perhaps claim some credit for that with Kamara, in particular, embarking on a series of search-and-destroy raids that throttled many of United's moves almost before conception, let alone birth. The wind did not help and neither did the pitch. Deceptively flat at the start, it cut up badly and prevented the ball running smoothly.

For all that, United allowed themselves to be dragged into a niggly, formless encounter. While Hodges kept his attackers well supplied with excellent passes, Cantona overhit more passes in 45 minutes than in the rest of the season so far. For all their efforts, Keane and Ince failed to stamp their authority in midfield and the forwards spent their time in fruitless pursuit of aimless passes.

"It was a nothing game," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, conceded. "It was a good result because it was a tricky tie and it is good to get through it. We scored a great goal and that always looked likely to be the winner. I could never see another goal being scored."

The goal, earning a fourth-round tie away to Norwich City, was vintage United, yet it belonged in another game. For the first hour, United stuttered and started, unrecognisable from the side that has set standards of excellence throughout the season.

"I thought they looked like Sheffield United, whacking the ball forward and hoping that Hughes and Giggs would get on the end of it," Dave Bassett, the Sheffield manager, said pointedly. In fact, Sheffield had come nearer to scoring as Kamara forsook his destructive duties to break forward and earn a corner. Flo met it and Irwin kicked his header off the line.

That finally provoked United into action and, just after the hour, United at last strung a move of seven or eight passes together, begun by Parker and carried on by Ince. He exchanged passes with Cantona and then acted as the wall for a Hughes one-two that took him into the box to beat the otherwise defiant Kelly with a low cross-shot.

Even that did not relax the tension. Cantona completely missed Kanchelskis's centre with the goal gaping and Kelly twice made telling saves, but Sheffield, too, had their moments and could have earned a draw. "I thought we deserved a draw but we'd have lost at Norwich, anyway," Bassett said philosophically.

Instead, the remaining drama centred on Hughes who, after suffering a terrible tackle from behind by Tuttle, eventually lost his head and kicked his tormentor. He was sent off for a second bookable offence.

"He had taken a lot of abuse right through the game and I'm sure he is disappointed that he got no protection from the referee," Ferguson said. The official had a poor match, but then it had been that sort of afternoon all round.

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-5-1): A Kelly — C Bradshaw, D Tuttle, P Beesley, K Gage — M Ward (subr R Ritsen, 79min), C Kamara, J Hoyland (sub: A Scott, 70), G Hodges, D Whitehouse — J Flo.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — R Keane, P Ince — A Kanchelskis, E Cantona, M Hughes, R Giggs.

Referee: G Ashby

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# Norwich stand in United's way

BY KEITH PIKE

MANCHESTER United may be strongly fancied to become only the sixth club to complete the double, but if their route to the championship appears straightforward, the road to Wembley and the FA Cup final is not being made easy.

Having travelled to defeat one rival FA Carling Premiership side yesterday, United have been drawn away again in the fourth round, this time at Carrow Road, where Norwich City, poor home league form notwithstanding, should provide more testing opposition.

With 13 third-round ties unresolved and 45 teams figuring in the draw, made yesterday, it is the outstanding game of the round but one of only six clear-cut matches. United, who lead the Premiership by 13 points, won 2-0 at Carrow Road on the first weekend of the season and it was a 3-1 victory there in April that began a run of seven successive victories which eventually secured their first league title for 26 years. "It is a good tie, we have a great record there," Alex Ferguson, United's manager, said. Norwich, however, have won the last three FA Cup meetings between the sides.

The draw could hardly have been more disappointing for Kidderminster Harriers, the GM Vauxhall Conference side that beat Birmingham City at St Andrew's on Saturday. Their reward was a home tie against Preston North End, second in the third division, although ground improvements at Aggborough means that the match will have to be switched. Bath City, the other surviving non-League side, will be away to Oldham Athletic should they beat Stoke City in their replay.

The matches between Kidderminster and Preston and Plymouth Argyle and Barnsley guarantee two sides from outside the Premiership a place in the last 16. Plymouth and Barnsley are managed by former England colleagues, Peter Shilton and Viv Anderson respectively.

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Oldham v Stoke or Bath
Barnet or Chelsea v Sheffield Weds or Nottingham Forest
Kidderminster v Preston
Notts County v West Ham

Cardiff or Middlesbrough v Man City
Charlton v Blackburn or Portsmouth
Oxford Utd v Leeds
Bolton or Everton v Millwall or Arsenal
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# Forwards given push as Scots ring changes against Wales

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE damage done by New Zealand last November to Scotland's morale could be clearly assessed yesterday. Only eight of those who started against the All Blacks will line up against Wales in Cardiff on Saturday, the first weekend of rugby union's 1994 five nations' championship.

Nowhere has the axe been swung more vigorously than in the back five forwards, where only Rob Wainwright remains, though at No 8 rather than open-side flanker. His forward colleagues against Wales will include the only new cap, Shade Munro, though, behind the scrum, Gregor Townsend receives his first full cap.

It has taken Munro the best part of six years to fulfil the potential first spotted in 1988. The Glasgow High/Kelvinside lock, 27, has been severely held back by injury, but a series of worthwhile performances for Scotland's A side this season followed by the trial last week have convinced the selectors he should displace Andy Macdonald, his partner in Glasgow against the All Blacks.

Three experienced players could not be considered because of injury — Scott Hastings, Graham Shiel and Damian Cronin — and the selectors gamble that a fourth, Paul Burnell, has recovered full match-fitness after a groin strain and a viral condition. The absence of Hastings and Shiel allows the inclusion of Townsend, 20, at centre and the retention of Craig Chalmers, whose place at stand-off half appeared threatened by Townsend.

On the other hand, Alan Sharp, the Bristol prop, must be wondering what he must do to win his first cap. He played well in the trial, for both teams, but Peter Wright is preferred on the loose-head after a summer of decline with the British Isles in New Zealand and a less-than-happy domestic season.

"He was a risk worth taking," Duncan Paterson, the Scotland team manager, said yesterday. "Wright is our best rugby-playing prop." Paterson admitted the biggest problem for the selectors was lack of games and poor playing conditions, which will have contributed to the return of the dependable Derek Turnbull in the back row while Iain Morrison, a genuine open-side, is fit once more. Neil Edwards is another who makes a swift return after an injury-affected year because of his powerful scrummaging.

Meanwhile, the French restore Fabien Galthie to scrum half against Ireland in Paris on Saturday and bring back Philippe Gallart to tight-head prop after injury removed Laurent Seigne. Galthie, capped 11 times in 1991 and 1992, seemed to have conceded his place to Aubin Hueber, but the Toulon player has been undergoing a crisis of confidence since the 24-3 defeat by Australia in November.

**TEAMS**

SCOTLAND (v Wales): A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), G P J Townsend (Gala), I C Jardine (Stirling County), K M Logan (Stirling County); C M Chalmers (Melrose), A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP); P H Wright (Boroughmuir), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J Turnbull (Hawick), N G B Edwards (Northampton), D S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), I R Morrison (London Scottish), R I Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals). Replacements: D A Stark (Boroughmuir), D W Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), B W Redpath (Melrose), A V Sharp (Bristol), K D McKenzie (Stirling County), G W Weir (Melrose).

FRANCE (v Ireland): J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); P Bernat-Salles (Pau), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand); A Penaud (Brive), F Galthie (Colomiers); L Armary (Lourdes), J-M Gonzales (Bayonne), P Gallart (Beziers), P Benetton (Agen), O Merle (Grenoble), O Roumat (Dax, captain), A Benazzi (Agen), M Cecillon (Bourgoin). Replacements: A Hueber (Toulon), P Montlaur (Agen), E N'Tamack (Toulouse), S Graou (Auch), F Landreau (Grenoble), O Brouzet (Grenoble).

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# Judges are hit for six but the doubts linger on

**John Hennessy has a feeling of unease as Torvill and Dean prepare for Europe**

Nine judges, surely, cannot be wrong. Why, then, did a nagging doubt persist after the free dance of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean in the British ice skating championship on Saturday? It was a return to the old days of a decade ago as the judging panel in Sheffield, as one, hoisted the perfect 6.0 for artistic impression of the golden couple. It should have been a moment of unalloyed rejoicing, but when they had taken their bows, I felt a desperate emptiness.

The soul was not touched by *Let's Face The Music And Dance*, as it had been by *Bolero* ten seasons before. The spirits had not been lifted, as by *Barnum* the season before. The heart had not been made to sing as it had by *Mack and Mabel* a year before that. Instead, that nagging doubt took root.

Yet was not the ninth member of the panel, Courtney Jones, the judge who has a reputation for being miserly with his marks? It was, but his four world titles were achieved in the Fifties — aeons ago in ice dancing — so perhaps he is of an age when eccentricity might obtrude.

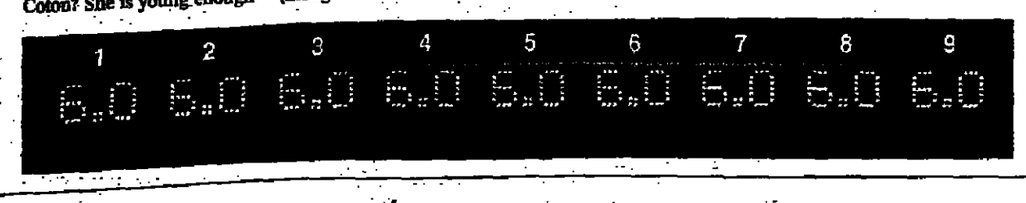
What, then, of Janet Thompson towards the other end of the line, now Mrs Coton? She is young enough to have been the immediate predecessor to Torvill and Dean at the side of Warren Maxwell as British champion, to say nothing of her memorable silver medal in the 1977 world championships in Tokyo.

One should be wary of being too quick to rush to judgment. The first appearance of *Bolero* and *Barnum* (though not *Mack and Mabel*) did not set the Trent alight at their unveiling, but on both occasions that was early in their development.

The British Championships were then held earlier in the season and there was time to hone a routine to perfection before exposing it to international scrutiny. This time only five days intervene before Torvill and Dean depart for the European championships in Copenhagen.

Did not the huge audience of 7,000 and more at the Sheffield Arena rise to give them a standing ovation on Saturday? They did, but only after that row of sixes had appeared. Torvill and Dean had skated, with dazzling technical virtuosity, a programme difficult enough to be declared "unskateable" by one observer. But there was no lingering memory of light and shade, or sudden coup of breathtaking complexity.

One wonders if they have overplayed their hand in their search for new worlds to conquer. We shall know more when they appear before another, international, panel of judges for the European championships on Friday week. Yet it would be unwise to overlook the challenge from Russia, winners of all three medals in last year's world championships. The holders, Maya Usova and Alexandr Zhulin, particularly, are brilliant skaters.




RESULTS: Free dance: 1, J Torvill and C Dean (unan), 1.0pts; 2, M Humphreys and C Lanning (Slough), 2.0; 3, L Burton and D Lenard (Slough), 3.0; 4, M Fitzgerald and V Kyle (Slough), 4.0; 5, C Wileman and A Place (Nottingham), 5.0; 6, M James and P Askew (Nottingham), 6.0. Final overall positions: 1, Torvill and Dean, 2.0pts; 2, Humphreys and Lanning, 4.0; 3, Fitzgerald and Kyle, 7.0; 4, Burton and Lenard, 7.4; 5, James and Askew 10.6; 6, Wileman and Place, 11.0

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# England A gallop to well-earned day's rest

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN VERWOERDBURG

ENGLAND A needed only 22 overs here yesterday to complete their fourth victory in five first-class cricket matches, beating Northern Transvaal by eight wickets. A match that was scheduled to last four days therefore ended before lunch on the third.

Were it not for some inspired hitting by Rudi Bryson, who made 44 on Saturday evening, this game would not have run half its course. His innings was brief, daring and his only significant contribution on a pitch which favoured bowlers of his ilk.

To win so commandingly against a bowling side they rated as the strongest they have played, England banished any lingering memories of Natal, where they lost by an innings. It must be said that the pitch here was not fit for first-class cricket.

"We reckoned that 160 was a reasonable score", Morris said, "and we felt that if we could get 200 it would put us in a very good position". To set England anything at all to win, 96 as it turned out, Bryson and Elworthy had to slog 74 in 12 overs for the eighth wicket.

Elworthy bowled superbly, taking the two wickets to fall yesterday in addition to the four he took in the first innings. Morris, who played a durable, match-winning innings of 57, admitted he "never felt in against him". No batsman ever can when he gets a ball, as Morris eventually did, which scuttles under his bat from a short length.

Morris was ably accompanied by Mal Loye, who worked on the assumption that every ball might be his last. In time, he will have to modify his hook shot against truly fast bowlers, or at any rate moderate his use of it, but it is good to see a young English batsman prepared to take on all comers.

Apart from Bryson's lurid exhibition, England's bowlers dominated Saturday afternoon as they had done Friday morning. Ilott again took important early wickets and Cork, so unlucky in the first innings, finished with four for 50. For the first time on this tour, people witnessed the unexpurgated McCague who steamed in and hit the pitch at a fair old pace.

Ilott looks twice the bowler who played against Australia last summer and will return to Essex a more rounded cricketer, knowing that, if he continues to swing the ball as he has done consistently here, he can resume his Test career.

England's ploy when they resumed yesterday, needing a further 91, was straightforward. From the first, Morris and Lathwell decided that anything in their half of the pitch had to go and go it did, until Morris slashed to gully and Lathwell was bowled.

An unbroken stand of 59 in 55 minutes by Crawley and Wells took England to their target. Crawley was a rock. Wells, pardoned by Lambert at slip, played some resounding strokes. While it lasted, it was a thrilling little session.

## SCOREBOARD

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL: First Innings. 138 (B J Sommerville 60; M C Ilott 4-32).

Second Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| C B Lambert c Croft b Ilott | 4 |
| B J Sommerville c Croft b Dale | 13 |
| *R F Pienaar c Rhodes b Cork | 22 |
| M J R Rindel lbw b Cork | 2 |
| K J Rule b Ilott | 1 |
| J J Strydom c Wells b Ilott | 0 |
| †D J Van Zyl c Crawley b McCague | 17 |
| S Elworthy lbw b Dale | 37 |
| R E Bryson c Lathwell b Cork | 44 |
| T Bosch not out | 4 |
| C Van Noordwyk c Lathwell b Cork | 5 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 8) | 13 |
| TOTAL | 162 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-13, 3-48, 4-49, 5-49, 6-49, 7-75, 8-149, 9-157

BOWLING: McCague 11-1-37-1; Ilott 14-3-64-3; Cork 18 1-4-50-4; Dale 7-3-7-2

ENGLAND A

First Innings

| | |
|---|---|
| M N Lathwell b Elworthy | 5 |
| *H Morris b Bosch | 57 |
| J P Crawley c Sommerville b Elworthy | 16 |
| M C Ilott c Lambert b Bosch | 3 |
| M B Loye lbw b Bosch | 40 |
| A P Wells c Rule b Pienaar | 11 |
| †S J Rhodes not out | 18 |
| R D B Croft run out | 8 |
| D G Cork c Sommerville b Elworthy | 7 |
| M J McCague b Bryson | 3 |
| Extras (b 8, lb 9, w 1, nb 8) | 26 |
| TOTAL | 205 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-58, 3-76, 4-79, 5-142, 6-155, 7-165, 8-194, 9-202

BOWLING: Bryson 15.4-3-53-1; Elworthy 25-8-55-4; Van Noordwyk 14-1-34-0; Bosch 13-5-31-3; Pienaar 3-0-15-1.

Second Innings

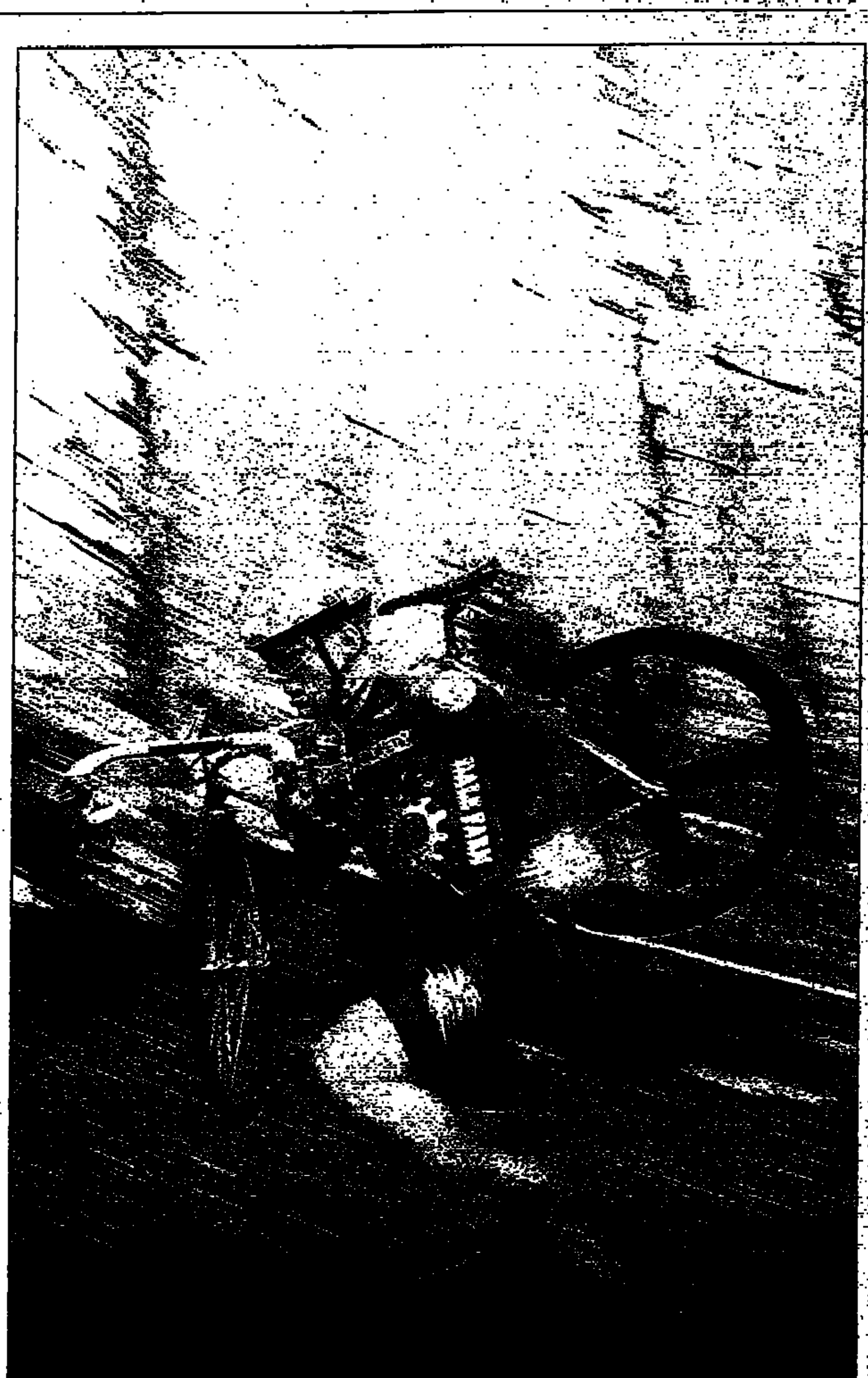
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|---|---|
| M N Lathwell b Elworthy | 21 |
| *H Morris c Sommerville b Elworthy | 14 |
| J P Crawley not out | 26 |
| A P Wells not out | 31 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb) | 4 |
| TOTAL (2 wkts) | 96 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-37.

BOWLING: Elworthy 8-2-25-2; Bryson 4-0-19-0; Van Noordwyk 7-1-23-0; Bosch 4-0-27-0

# Survivor Hammond seizes title

**David Powell sees the new British cyclo-cross champion shrug off a crash on the victory trail**



Hammond on his way to winning yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Roger Hammond, Britain's 1992 world junior cyclo-cross champion, won his first senior national open title yesterday after surviving an accident which he described as "a one in a million" chance. Having broken away early, he collided with a spectator on the course, not only falling off his bike and losing most of his lead but suffering a neck injury too.

However, such has been Hammond's progress and supremacy this season that he re-established his advantage quickly; at one stage, it grew to half a minute and, though he lost much of it on the last of seven laps, he won by 14sec from Nick Craig on the circuit at Bassett in Southampton.

Steve Douce, the holder and champion seven times, was third with Barrie Clarke, who had matched Hammond for most of the first two laps, fourth.

Hammond, 19, a student at Brunel University, is the first amateur to win the title since Douce, now a professional, achieved his second victory in 1985. Douce was not at his best; although he is back in full training, a recent liver illness has impeded his preparation.

Hammond was on his third lap, leading by about 20sec, when he turned a corner to find four spectators in his path. He shouted a warning, but, in their panic to get out of his way, a man ran into the escape path Hammond had chosen.

"I had a hard-shell helmet on and all I could hear was this man screaming in pain," Hammond, who remounted his bike immediateley, said. "I had just got away from Barrie and my lead went down to almost nothing. After that, I could not look left or right because my neck was hurting too much."

Hammond, after hearing that the spectator had apparently walked away from the accident, explained the irony of his crash: "I have never ridden round this circuit without crashing on a tree root," he said. "Today was the first time, then a one-in-a-million accident like this happens."

Beating Douce was particularly satisfying for Hammond: "I have trained with Steve since I was 11 or 12 and it has been a dream of mine to win this race ever since then. To win with Steve in the race makes it even better."

A women's championship was held for the first time and was won by Caroline Alexander, the winner of the demonstration event in 1993. The small band of women's cyclo-cross competitors are now seeing their patience rewarded, with thanks due to the introduction of mountain biking.

Until this winter, which has seen the introduction not only of a women's national championship but a winter series also, women competed in men's races. "Very few of us have been competing for a long time and there were not enough of us for our own races," Isla Rowntree, who was third, said.

RESULTS: Men: 1, R Hammond (Invicta) 1hr 11min 43sec; 2, N Craig (Diamond Back) at 14sec; 3, S Douce (PCA) 52sec; 4, B Clarke (Raleigh) 1:12; 5, T Gould (Team Schwinn) 1:45; 6, S Blunt (Wembley) 1:53. Junior: 1, B Curtis (Festival) 41:35; 2, J Taylor (Beeston) at 1:04; 3, R Allaway (Fat Tracks) 1:50. Women: 1, C Alexander (Louis Garneau) 44:59; 2, S Hibberd (PCA) at 3:31; 3, I Rowntree (Black Country Wh) 4:05.

# Seman beats his Oxford team-mate in Putter final

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Sanders stood by the side of the eighth green at Rye, wrapped up against a wind that tore into the face and assessed the two Oxford undergraduates who were contesting the final of the President's Putter that was unfolding in front of him.

At that moment Steve Seman, a physicist, led Phil Hill, a mathematician, by one hole. As the present Oxford University golf captain, Sanders was well placed to make an unbiased appraisal of two players he will assuredly select for the match against Cambridge in March on this same course.

"Steve is probably the better player," Sanders said from beneath an Oxford-blue woollen hat. "He plays more good shots and I think he would expect to win. He tends to rush things a bit, though. I would like him to slow down a little. It's not unfair of me to say I suspect that Phil is surprised to get this far. He is a good putter, though, with a good stroke."

And so it proved. In only the third all-undergraduate final, Seman carried too much firepower for Hill and defeated him 4 and 3. Seman, who is not 20 until May 30, is the youngest winner.

"Steve's a class player," Hill said graciously. "He has the perfect game for Rye. He hits the ball low and has a lovely touch around the green."

Sanders had been close to reaching his second successive final, which would have been no surprise for he and Seman were among the best players in the competition. *The Times's* golf correspondent had had his card marked about Sanders: a regular reader had telephoned just prior to the start of the competition with some advice.

"Watch out for the boy Sanders," he had said. "He is mustard, let me tell you. Really terrific. He hits the ball a mile. He has not lost a singles in the three Varsity matches he has played in and in 1992 he beat his opponent 15 and 14, a record. He was so good I wrote a sonnet about it."

But then Seman defeated his captain by two holes in a morning semi-final, though Sanders played the shot of the match. On a windy day, when the flight of the ball was so important, it might have been a three-wood such as Seman hit on the 13th in the afternoon. Instead, it was a putt by Sanders — but no ordinary putt. It was from a conservative 35 yards on the 16th. It changed course four times en route and Sanders laid it within inches of the hole.

There are three aspects of Seman and the way he plays golf that are striking. The first is that he, a right-hander, wears his watch on his right wrist. The second is that his long, smooth swing contains a pronounced lateral movement, not unlike Curtis Strange's. When he is on song, as he was last week when his worst score was 76, his shots fly low, straight and far. Just occasionally, there were glimpses of the dangers inherent in such a swing. More than once, he whistled a couple of shots out to the right when his body overswayed and his hands got too far ahead of the club.

Yet anyone who was at Rye last week, when the wind-chill factor was several degreees lower than the temperature, might remember Seman because he wore a white turtle-neck sweater while all around him spectators were wrapped up like Mummies in cold weather gear. "I wore my thermies," Seman said. He shrugged. That seemed to be the end of the matter.

Seman plays off three, Hill off two, at Chigwell and Worplesdon respectively. Both are in their second years at Oxford and were competing in the Putter for the first time. Their match turned conclusively on the 11th when Hill missed from ten feet for a birdie three and then Seman holed from eight feet to regain the lead.

RESULTS: Fifth round: 1 J M Smith (Cambridge, Girton) bt C J Weight (Cambridge, Jesus) 1 hole; S R Seman (Oxford, Merton) bt A R F Mangeot (Oxford, Trinity) 1 hole; M S P Banks (Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall) bt R D Kelly (Cambridge, Corpus Christi) at 19th; R A Sanders (Oxford, Merton) bt S D Ellis (Oxford, Trinity) at 19th; J B-L Webster (Cambridge, Caius) bt R W Devlin (Oxford, Wadham) 1 hole; P J Hill (Oxford, Exeter) bt N B Peplow (Cambridge, Jesus) 1 hole; C J Dale (Cambridge, Trinity Hall) bt R P Lawson (Oxford, Keble) 1 hole; A W J Holmes (Cambridge, St John's) bt S A Sharpe (Cambridge, Fitzwilliam) 1 hole. Quarter-finals: Seman bt Smith 1 hole; Sanders bt Banks at 19th; Hill bt Webster 1 hole; Holmes bt Dale 1 hole. Semi-finals: Seman bt Sanders 2 holes; Hill bt Holmes 2 holes. Final: Seman bt Hill 4 and 3.

## FOR THE RECORD

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Play-offs: Wild-card games: Kansas City 27 Pittsburgh 24; Green Bay 28 Detroit 24

### ATHLETICS

BELFAST: Mallusk International cross country: Men (8,000m): 1, I Kiru (Ken) 23min 44sec; 2, D Lewis (GB) 23.45; 3, J Kemo (Ken) 23 46; 4, J Hobbs (GB) 23 48; 5, J Treacy (Ire) 23 51; 6, R Walem (Bel) 24.00. Women (4,800m): 1, P Radcliffe (GB) 15min 40sec; 2, K McKiernan (Ire) 15.47; 3, O Bondarenko (Russ) 15.51; 4, A Wyeth (GB) 16 15; 5, B Hartigan (GB) 16.25; 6, A Hulley (GB) 16.29.
NATIONAL INDOOR ARENA, Birmingham: Birmingham Games: Winners: Men: 60m: M Rosswess (Birchfield) 6.63sec. 200m: S Wariso (Haringey) 21.15. 400m: M Richardson (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 46.69. 800m: C Winrow (Wigan) 1min 51.35sec. 3,000m: P Larkins (Newham & Essex Beagles) 7.59.37. 60m hurdles: A Tulloch (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 7.90sec. High jump: M Mandy (Cannock and Stafford) 2.24m. Pole vault: M Belsham (Sale) 5.20. Long jump: B Williams (Cannock and Stafford) 7.64. Triple jump: J Golley (Thames Valley) 16.22. Shot: S Whyte (Luton) 17.19. Women: 60m: S Douglas (Sale) 7.44sec. 400m: G Honley (Shaftesbury Barnet) 57.62. 1,500m: M Faherty (Skyrac) 4min 25.0sec. 60m hurdles: C Court (Birchfield) 8.33sec. High jump: J Bennett (Epsom and Ewell) 1.85m. Triple jump: C Henry (Shaftesbury Barnet) 12.86. Shot: D Calloway (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 14.32.
MIDDLETON: East Lancashire cross country: Senior men (7.5m): 1, B Hussain (Stockport) 41min 28sec; 2, M Hutchinson (Trafford) 41 54; 3, G Davey (Sale) 41 56. Team: 1, Salford 25pts; 2, Sale 136; 3, Stockport 153.

### BADMINTON

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire Open finals: Men: Singles: D Hall (Essex) bt A Nielsen (Surrey) 18-15, 15-7. Doubles: C Hunt (Lancs) and S Archer (Worcs) bt Kum Wai Kok (Essex) and J Robertson (Northants) 15-5, 15-7. Women: Singles: S Louis-Lane (Devon) bt J Muggeridge (Kent) 1-11, 11-1, 11-7. Doubles: G Gowers (Herts) and J Wright (Sussex) bt J Bradbury (Oxon) and G Clark (Surrey) 15-10, 17-16. Mixed doubles: Hunt and Clark bt J Quinn and N Beck (Bucks) 16-17, 15-2, 15-0.

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Atlanta 100 Portland 85; Cleveland 99 Boston 85; Chicago 99 Washington 92; Phoenix 110 Minnesota 103; Philadelphia 103 Dallas 93, San Antonio 84 Denver 76; Miami 110 Utah 104, Seattle 102 Sacramento 93, LA Lakers 111 LA Clippers 108. Saturday: Atlanta 102 Cleveland 89; Charlotte 102 New York 99; Indiana 101 Detroit 92; Orlando 112 Washington 101; Minnesota 108 Boston 90; Chicago 100 Dallas 81; Houston 100 Philadelphia 93, Denver 104 Sacramento 38; New Jersey 90 Milwaukee 90; Seattle 108 Utah 87; Miami 109 LA Clippers 90.
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Saturday: London 88 Birmingham 89; Manchester 101 Guildford 84, Worthing 97 Sunderland 69, Leicester 72 Thames Valley 90, Oldham 75 Doncaster 85; Hemel Hempstead 94 Chester 107. Yesterday: Sunderland 101 Guildford 82.

### BOWLS

DUNDEE: CIS Insurance Scottish indoor championship: Finals: Junior singles: D Peacock (Midlothian) 21 P Foster (Irvine) 11. Pairs: East Lothian (I Bell and G Robertson) 22 Irvine (H and P Foster) 15. Triples: Edinburgh (A Binnie, J Jeans, W Galloway) 19 Blantyre (A Kelly, A McCrae, R Murphy) 18. Fours: Irvine (C Adrain, A Adrain Snr, A Adrain Jnr, J Muir) 24 Coatbridge (J Vallance, G McKenzie, W Harkness, R Provan) 13. Two-ball pairs: Cumbernauld (D Miller, H Duff) bt East Lothian (G Allen, W W Wood) 6-5, 3-11, 6-5 (after extra end). Senior Fours: Edinburgh (J Scott, I Stirling, J Summers, G Ross) 15 Forfar (N Scott, D Sutherland, A Liddle, W Petrie) 8.

### BOXING

MAJORCA: World Boxing Organisation championships: Featherweight: Alex Sanchez (P Rico, holder) bt Arturo Mayen (Mex) rsc 1st. Junior-feather: Daniel Jimenez (P Rico) Felix Garcia (Sp, holder) pts.
NEW YORK: World Boxing Association bantamweight championship: Junior Jones (Us, holder) bt Elvis Alvarez (Col) pts. World Boxing Council super-bantam championship: Tracy Patterson (US, holder) bt Steve Young (US) ko 5th.

### DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey: Embassy world professional championship: Final: J Part (Can) bt R George (Eng) 6-0.

### GOLF

CARLSBAD, California: Mercedes championship: Third round (United States unless stated): 208: F Couples 69, 70, 69, P Mickelson 70, 68, 70. 209: D Edwards 75, 68, 66. 210: T Kite 73, 68, 69; B Crenshaw 71, 70, 69. 211: J Maggert 72, 74, 65, J Haas 71, 71, 69. 212: H Twitty 72, 73, 67, G Norman (Aus) 70, 73, 69, S Simpson 70, 72, 70; B Ogle (Aus) 69, 72, 71; W Mayfair 72, 68, 72; D Love 71, 69, 72. 214: M Standly 75, 72, 67; N Henke 69, 74, 71. 215: J Gallagher 73, 69, 73, V Singh (Fiji) 69, 70, 76. 216: B McCallister 74, 74, 68, G Waite (NZ) 70, 69, 77. 217: J McGovern 73, 71, 73; J Inman 71, 70, 76. 219: F Allem (SA) 71, 76, 72, L Janzen 71, 74, 74. 220: R Mediate 72, 71, 77. Seniors: 208: R Murphy 71, 70, 67, D Stockton 67, 72, 69. 211: J Nicklaus 73, 69, 69. 214: D Douglass 71, 69, 74. 215: J Colbert 71, 74, 70, R Floyd 73, 72, 70; L Trevino 71, 71, 73, R Charles (NZ) 70, 72, 73.
GEORGE, South Africa: Bell's Cup: Final round: (South Africa unless stated): 271: A Johnstone (Zim) 65, 68, 68, 70. 274: E Els 66, 65, 72, 71; D Frost 68, 67, 72, 67. 275: B Fouchee 68, 66, 68, 73. 276: R Davis (Aus) 68, 69, 70, 68; R Stewart 68, 71, 70, 66. 277: I Leggatt (Can) 63, 70, 74, 70. 278: S Torrance (GB) 69, 71, 71, 67. 279: E Woods (US) 68, 70, 71, 70. 281: T Isenhour (US) 70, 69, 74, 68; R Wessels 73, 69, 66, 73, B Lincoln 67, 73, 69, 72. 282: W Westner 70, 68, 75, 71. 283: F Quinn Jr (US) 69, 68, 72, 74. 284: M Archer (GB) 71, 71, 73, 69; R Fletcher 67, 68, 75, 74.

### HOCKEY

BARCELONA: Three nations' tournament: Men: Spain 4, Belgium 0; Spain 2, Great Britain 2. Final positions: 1, Spain 3pts; 2, Great Britain 3; 3, Belgium 0. Los Reyes tournament: Seniors: El Cid 2, Southgate 2, El Cid 2, Polo 1897 0; Egara 0, Hounslow 0, Pedralbes 0, Southgate 3; Polo Club 0, Bloemendaal 2. Final positions: 1, Bloemendaal 2, Egara; 3, Southgate. Juniors: Spanish Under 18 9, King's Canterbury 0; FC Barcelona 0, Kingston Grammar School 3, Polo Club 3, Louvain 2. Final positions: 1, Kingston GS; 2, Polo Club; 3, Spanish Under 18. Women: Seniors: Olimpia 1, Slough 2; Real Sociedad 0, Atlético Lomas (Argentina) 2; Polo Club 1, Colonia 1, Polo Club 0, Slough 6, Atlético Lomas 5, Olimpia 2. Final placings: 1, Atlético Lomas, 2, Slough; 3, Real Sociedad. Juniors: Atletico Terrassa 0, Atlético Lomas 2, Olimpia 1, King's Canterbury 0. Final positions: 1, Atlético Lomas; 2, King's Canterbury; 3, Olimpia. Veterans: Men: Polo Club 7, FC Barcelona 1, Polo Club 3, Bloemendaal 1, FC Barcelona bt Bloemendaal, walkover. Final positions: 1, Polo Club; 2, FC Barcelona; 3, Bloemendaal.
GLASGOW: Glenfiddich International indoor tournament: First round: Group A: East Grinstead 4 Hattem (Holl) 3, Harvestehuder (Ger) 8 US Eagles (US) 4. Group B: Antipodeans (Aus) 4 Indespension Western (Scot) 4; Avoca Mazda (Ire) 3 Menzieshill (Scot) 6. Second round: Group A: Hattem 8 US Eagles (US) 1; Harvestehuder 11 East Grinstead 5. Group B: Menzieshill (Scot) 5 Antipodeans (Aus) 2, Indespension Western 8 Avoca Mazda (Ire) 3. Third round: Group A: Hattem 4 Harvestehuder 8, US Eagles 4 East Grinstead 8. Group B: Menzieshill 7 Indespension Western 8, Antipodeans 3 Avoca Mazda 6. Classification matches (positions 5-8): Hattem 9 Antipodeans 7; Avoca Mazda 4 US Eagles 3. Semi-finals: Harvestehuder 11 Menzieshill 6; East Grinstead 6 Indespension Western 2. Final: Harvestehuder 8, East Grinstead 5.
Men
HA CUP: FOURTH ROUND: Bromley 5, Coventry NW 0.
NATIONAL INVITATION INDOOR LEAGUE: Saturday: East Grinstead 4 Southgate 2; Barford Tigers 8 Teddington 8. Doncaster 6 Stourport 9, Harbourne 8 Neston 1; Firebrands 6 Southgate 3; Neston 2 Welton 5, East Grinstead 4 Stourport 9; Harbourne 11 Teddington 6; Barford T 5 Welton 4, Doncaster 11 Southgate 3; Firebrands 3 Neston 3; East Grinstead 4 Welton 6. Yesterday: Doncaster 5 Neston 5; Firebrands 4 Welton 8. Barford T 13 Southgate 0; Doncaster 8 Teddington 5, Firebrands 1 Stourport 6, Harbourne 7 Welton 1; East Grinstead 6 Weston 4; Barford T 4 Stourport 10, Harbourne 12, Southgate 1, East Grinstead 8 Teddington 9. Final standings: 1, Stourport 24pts; 2, Harbourne 21; 3, Barford T 19.
NORTHERN PREMIER INDOOR LEAGUE: Saturday: Sheffield Bankers 5 Stockton 2; Swalwell 6 Welton B 2; York Trojans 8 Bankers 4, Stockton 12 Welton 4; Trojans 5 Swalwell 7. Yesterday: Bankers 7 Welton B 1; Trojans 4 Stockton 8; Bankers 4 Swalwell 7; Trojans 4 Welton 3; Stockton 6 Swalwell 4. Final standings: 1, Stockton 8pts; 2, Swalwell 6; 3, Bankers 4.
SENIOR CLUBS: Brean 0 Whitchurch 6, Brooklands 5 Royal Airforce 4; Edgbaston 1 Gloucester City 3; Herne Bay 1 Gore Court 1; Ipswich 3 Harleston Magpies 3; Oxford University 3 Durham University 0, Cambridge University 0 Durham University 0.
YORKSHIRE CUP: Semi-final: Sheffield 5 York 0.
KENT CUP: Quarter-final: Herne Bay 0, Canterbury 2.
Women
AEWHA CUP: Fifth round: Belper 2 Havant 4, Buckingham 1 Yorkshire Bank 2, Deben 0 Chester 1; Deeside Ramblers 2 Newbury 1, Green Dragons 4 St Austell 1; Hampstead and Westminster 1 Kettering 0; Haverhill 3 Southgate Adelaide 1; Hendon 1 Bridgnorth 1 (0-2 on pens); Ipswich and East 1 White Knight Heywood 3; Letchworth 1 Maidenhead 0; Lilllington 1 GEC Rugby 0; Middleton 0 West Witney 9; Paviors 5 Phoenix 2, Pelicans 1 Greater Manchester Police 2; Penzance 1 York 1 (3-2 on pens); City of Portsmouth 2 Cheam 0; Port Sunlight 1 Hounslow 5; Redbridge 9 Bedford College 0; Redditch 1 Bath 0. Rolls Royce 0 Eastleigh 1; Rosebery 5 North Devon 0; St Ives 0 Bexleyheath 1; Saracens 13 GRFC 0; Springfields 2 Winnington Park 0; Waltham Forest bt Firebrands walkover; Worksop 0 Camberley 2. Postponed: Sunbury v Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead; British Airways v Folkestone Optimists.
SENIOR CLUBS: Bexley Heath 0 Chelmsford 5; Cheltenham 2 Colwall 0; Exmouth 1 Yate 1; Pickwick 2 Aldridge 2; Rochester & G 2 Herne Bay 5; St Fagans 1 Redland 4; Trojans 1 Woking 1.
WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cwmbran 0 Penarth 12; Haverfordwest 0 Swansea 1; Newport 1, Haverfordwest 0. Postponed: Newtown v Colwyn Bay. Standings: 1, Penarth played 8, points 12, 2, Swansea 7, 12; 3, Newtown 6, 12.

### FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30pm unless stated*

FA Cup

Third round

Millwall v Arsenal (8.0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea v Crystal Palace (7.0). Second division: Bournemouth v Yeovil Town.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe v Bootle.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United v Gretna; Guiseley v Curzon Ashton.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: Second round: Evesham v Gloucester City. Third round: Sudbury v Gravesend and Northfleet.

### CRICKET

BRISBANE: World Series Cup: Saturday: New Zealand bt South Africa by 9 runs (South Africa's innings target reduced to 229 off 39 overs by rain).

NEW ZEALAND

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| B A Young c Cullinan b McMillan | 28 |
| R T Latham c McMillan b Donald | 11 |
| A H Jones c Kirsten b Matthews | 9 |
| *K R Rutherford b McMillan | 1 |
| M J Greatbatch c Rhodes b Donald | 21 |
| S A Thomson c Donald b Cronje | 68 |
| C L Cairns run out | 70 |
| †T E Blain not out | 36 |
| G R Larsen not out | 6 |
| Extras (lb2, w2, nb2) | 6 |
| Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) | 256 |

C Pringle, R P de Groen did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-47, 3-52, 4-55, 5-86, 6-197, 7-221.

Bowling: Donald 8-0-38-2; de Villiers 10-2-40-0; McMillan 10-0-59-2; Matthews 10-2-52-1; Symcox 7-1-26-0; Cronje 5-0-39-1.

SOUTH AFRICA

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|---|---|
| A C Hudson c Thomson b Pringle | 14 |
| P A Kirsten c Jones b Cairns | 97 |
| †E Stewart c and b Thomson | 19 |
| *W J Cronje c Greatbatch b Thomson | 19 |
| D J Cullinan c Greatbatch b De Groen | 37 |
| J N Rhodes c Blain b Cairns | 21 |
| B M McMillan b Pringle | 0 |
| P L Symcox not out | 4 |
| C R Matthews c Latham b Pringle | 1 |
| P S de Villiers not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb4, w2, nb1) | 7 |
| Total (8 wkts, 39 overs) | 219 |

A A Donald did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-62, 3-96, 4-181, 5-207, 6-213, 7-215, 8-217.

BOWLING: Pringle 8-1-38-3; Cairns 8-1-44-2; De Groen 7-0-41-1; Thomson 8-0-38-2; Larsen 8-0-42-0; Latham 2-0-12-0

BRISBANE: World Series Cup: Yesterday: Australia bt South Africa by 48 runs.

AUSTRALIA

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| D C Boon c Rundle b McMillan | 45 |
| M A Taylor b de Villiers | 12 |
| D M Jones b Rundle | 98 |
| M E Waugh c Cullinan b Symcox | 10 |
| D R Martyn c Cronje b Rundle | 23 |
| *A R Border c Kirsten b Rundle | 15 |
| †I A Healy c and b Rundle | 0 |
| P R Reiffel run out | 9 |
| C J McDermott run out | 2 |
| T B A May not out | 5 |
| Extras (nb 1, w 6, lb 4) | 11 |
| Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) | 230 |

G McGrath did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-108, 3-127, 4-180, 5-205, 6-208, 7-211, 8-214, 9-230.

BOWLING: de Villiers 10-0-28-1; McMillan 10-2-42-1; Symcox 8-0-47-1; Cronje 5-0-31-0; Rundle 9-0-42-4; Snell 8-0-38-0.

SOUTH AFRICA

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| G Kirsten c Healy b Waugh | 51 |
| *W J Cronje c Healy b Reiffel | 17 |
| D J Cullinan c Reiffel b Border | 27 |
| J N Rhodes c Healy b May | 46 |
| D Callaghan run out | 1 |
| B M McMillan c and b Border | 6 |
| †D J Richardson lbw b McGrath | 15 |
| P L Symcox lbw b McGrath | 0 |
| R P Snell c Martyn b McGrath | 9 |
| D Rundle c Border b McGrath | 0 |
| P S de Villiers not out | 1 |
| Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 1) | 9 |
| Total (48.5 overs) | 182 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-88, 3-118, 4-119, 5-138, 6-168, 7-168, 8-178, 9-181.

BOWLING: McDermott 5-1-14-0; McGrath 8.5-0-24-4; Reiffel 7-0-24-1; May 9-0-45-1; Border 10-0-40-2; Waugh 7-0-29-1.

Standings: 1, Australia played 5, points 8; 2, New Zealand 5, 5; South Africa 6, 3.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (third day): Hobart: New South Wales 398 (S Waugh 190 not out, M Bevan 71; C Miller 7-83) and 186 for 2 (M Slater 107 not out); Tasmania 401 for 8 dec (D Hills 159 not out). Adelaide: Western Australia 446 for 7dec (G Marsh 98, J Langer 96, M Veletta 75, T Moody 58); South Australia 342 for 3 (D Lehmann 165 not out, J Braychaw 137 not out).
RED STRIPE CUP (second day): Bridgetown: Leeward Islands 384; Barbados 182 for 3 (D Haynes 61, S Campbell 54 not out). Castries, St Lucia: Windward Islands 143 and 83 for 4; Trinidad and Tobago 241 (A Bellram 76, P Simmons 69). Kingston: Guyana 316 (K Semple 142; C Walsh 4-65); Jamaica 210 for 6 (J Adams 104 not out).
KATUNAYAKA: England Under-19 XI 142 (R Johnson 42); Gampaha CA 143 for 7 (R Johnson 5 for 28). Gampaha won by three wickets.

### CYCLING

ANTWERP, Belgium: Six-day event: Fifth day standings: 1, E De Wilde (Bel) and J Veggerby (Den) 270pts; 2, A Baffi (It) and P Bincoletto (It) 269; 3, B Risi (Switz) and K Betschart (Switz) 166; 4, P Pieters (Holl) and C Wolf (Ger) 264 (at two laps); 5, K Khrabzov (Russ) and S Tourne (Bel) 207 (at two laps); 6, A Doyle (GB) and D Woods (Aus) 135 (at three laps).
CYCLO-CROSS: Derwentside CC (Consett, Co Durham, 10 miles): 1, A Taylor (Derwentside CC) 58.38; 2, G Turnbull (Tyne Triathlon Club) at 9sec; 3, J Davidson (Tyne Triathlon Club) at 1.18. Severn RC (West Harptree, Avon, 10 miles): 1, O Beckinsale (Team All Terrain) 47:20; 2, G Richardson (Royal Sutton CC) at 2:22; 3, I Marchant (Team Big Foot) at 2:50. Team Shaftrec (Sheffield, 8 miles): 1, L Farraday (Brook CC) 50 35; 2, C Horsefield (Team Sheftrec) at 45sec; 3, D Beresford (Norton Wheelers) at 1:30. Viking Wheelers (Harwell, West London, 10.5 miles): 1, M Kilner (VC Etoile) 58.32; 2, O Whicheloe (Viking Wheelers) at 2sec; 3, G Dodd (Kingston Phoenix) at 34sec. Ogmore Valley Wheelers (Port Talbot, 9 miles): 1, A Baum (Swansea CC) 52:35; 2, M Hughes-Dowdle (Swansea CC) at 2:50; 3, S King (Hereford Triathlon Club) at 4.55. Finsbury Park CC (Moat Mount, Barnet, 10 miles): 1, T Parks (North Bucks RC) 1:03:17; 2, M Beisiegel (Finsbury Park CC) at 5:05; 3, G Andrews (Finsbury Park CC) at 1 lap.

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 6 Los Angeles 3; Washington 4 Chicago 1; Boston 2 Florida 2 (OT), Hartford 6 NY Islanders 0; Pittsburgh 2 Calgary 2 (OT); Tampa Bay 4 Philadelphia 2, Montreal 3 NY Rangers 2; Winnipeg 3 Ottawa 2; Toronto 5 Vancouver 3; Anaheim 5 St Louis 3; Pittsburgh 4 Buffalo 3 (OT); New Jersey 4 Florida 1; NY Islanders 6 Calgary 2; Edmonton 6 Quebec 4.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham 5 Cardiff 11, Fife 3 Nottingham 6; Humberside 11 Murrayfield 7, Whitley Bay 9 Bracknell 5. First division: Dumfries 2 Romford 6; Lee Valley 4 Guildford 10; Milton Keynes 10 Medway 4; Paisley 37 Oxford 7; Slough 8 Swindon 4; Telford 7 Blackburn 5; Trafford 11 Solihull 1

### LACROSSE

DIDSBURY: England 23, Vermont College (US) 4.

### MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS-DAKAR RALLY: Eleventh stage: (457km Boutilimit to Akjoujt-Atar, Mauritania): Cars: 1, H Auriol (Fr), Citroen 6hr 02min 58sec; 2, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen at 3min 25sec; 3, H Masuoka (Japan), Mitsubishi 58.00; 4, J Dalmau (Sp), Mercedes 58.30; 5, F Vismara (It), Sangyong 2:21:18. Overall: 1, Lartigue 28hr 22min 9sec; 2, Auriol at 1hr 27min 14sec; 3, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi 4:25:08; 4, J-P Fontenay (Fr), Mitsubishi 4:50:05; 5, Vismara 10:11:30. Motorcycles: 1, O Gallardo (Sp), Cagiva 8hr 48min 21sec; 2, J Arcarons (Sp), Cagiva at 5min 17sec; 3, C Mas (Sp), Cagiva 8:57; 4, E Orioli (It), Cagiva 10:28; 5, M Cavandoli (It), KTM 10:32. Overall: 1, Orioli 30hr 30min 30sec; 2, Mas at 2min 44sec; 3, Arcarons 6:45; 4, Gallardo, 57:57; 5, F Meoni (It), Honda 3:17:54.

### RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Peel Hunt British Under-21 championship: Semi-finals: M Windows bt H Foster 15-5, 15-5, 15-6; A Smith-Bingham bt C Danby 15-9, 16-14, 15-10. Under-24 event: Quarter-finals: A Robinson bt T Barker 15-3, 15-2, 15-1; A Smith-Bingham bt P Le Marchand 15-7, 15-1, 4-15, 15-10; M Windows bt L Danby 12-15, 18-15, 15-0, 15-2.

### REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: SNB Resources British Professional championship: First round: D Johnson and H Latham bt R Gunn and T Haughan 6-4, 6-1; A Lyons and P Brake bt M Eadie and M Ryan 6-0, 6-1; N Wood and A Phillips bt S Ronaldson and A Snelgrove 6-0, 6-1; M Seigneur and D Jones bt A Oliver and K Ludekens 6-5, 6-2.

### RIFLE SHOOTING

TRENTHAM: New Zealand championships: Queen's Prize: 1, A Luckman (GB) 568.61; 2, W Tabor (US) 560.63; 3, G Grenfell (Aus) 560.57; 4, P Kent (GB) 559.51; 5, J Messer (GB) 558.64; 6, A Tucker (GB) 556.52. Grand Aggregate (New Zealand championship): 1, Luckman 640.72; 2, Tabor 639.68; 3, D Calvert (GB) 635.67; 5, Messer 634.84; 6, Kent 634.64; 7, Tucker 634.60; 8, Ringer 633.64. Ballinger Belt Series: 1, Luckman 492.57; 2, Tabor 490.55; 3, Grenfell 487.44. Masefield Stage-2: 1, J Carmichael (GB) 50.7; 2, P Green (Aus) 50.7; 3, C Bensemen (NZ) 50.7. Masefield Aggregate: 1, M Pugsley (GB) 153.16; 2, A Chown (GB) 152.18; 3, Calvert 152.16.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

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| Bradford | 48 | Oldham | 16 |

Bradford: Tries: Fox 2, Clark, Fairbank, Medley, Newlove, D Powell, Watson. Goals: Fox 8. Oldham: Tries: Lindner 2, Gibson. Goals: Topping 2. Att: 5,105.

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| Castleford | 20 | Sheffield | 18 |

Castleford: Tries: Ford 2, Hay. Goals: Crooks 4. Sheffield: Tries: Aston, Cook, Jackson. Goals: Aston 2, David Fraisse. Att: 4,269.

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| Halifax | 24 | Hull | 10 |

Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Boyd, Hagen, Schuster. Goals: Schuster 4. Hull: Tries: Hester, G Nolan. Goal: Eastwood. Att: 5,797

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| Hull KR | 10 | Featherstone | 14 |

Hull KR: Tries: M Fletcher, O'Brien. Goal: M Fletcher. Featherstone: Tries: Calland, Gary H Price, Simpson. Goal: Pearson. Att: 3,005.

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| Warrington | 37 | Leeds | 18 |

Warrington: Tries: Forster 3, Myler 2, Davies, Penny. Goals: Davies 4. Dropped goal: Davies. Leeds: Tries: Cummins, Eyres, Tait. Goals: Holroyd 3. Att: 6,659.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Warrington | 17 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 361 | 233 | 26 |
| Wigan | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 415 | 213 | 24 |
| Bradford | 15 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 411 | 302 | 24 |
| Halifax | 17 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 360 | 284 | 22 |
| Castleford | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 385 | 213 | 21 |
| St Helens | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 368 | 261 | 21 |
| Featherstone | 17 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 384 | 352 | 19 |
| Leeds | 17 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 342 | 317 | 17 |
| Widnes | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 282 | 306 | 16 |
| Sheffield | 17 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 348 | 418 | 15 |
| Hull | 16 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 231 | 256 | 14 |
| Salford | 16 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 277 | 345 | 14 |
| Hull KR | 17 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 269 | 438 | 10 |
| Oldham | 16 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 289 | 339 | 8 |
| Wakefield | 16 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 200 | 348 | 8 |
| Leigh | 17 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 203 | 471 | 1 |

Second division

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|---|---|---|---|
| Barrow | 12 | Swinton | 20 |
| Bramley | 12 | Doncaster | 19 |
| Dewsbury | 38 | Highfield | 0 |
| Hunslet | 16 | Carlisle | 18 |
| Rochdale | 42 | Huddersfield | 8 |
| Ryedale Yk | 34 | Whitehaven | 4 |
| Workington | 28 | Batley | 8 |

Postponed: London Crusaders v Keighley.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Workington | 17 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 411 | 177 | 27 |
| Huddersfld | 18 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 329 | 261 | 24 |
| London Crus | 15 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 395 | 236 | 21 |
| Ryedale Yk | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 354 | 254 | 21 |
| Doncaster | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 348 | 328 | 20 |
| Dewsbury | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 492 | 199 | 19 |
| Keighley | 13 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 338 | 186 | 18 |
| Whitehaven | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 309 | 282 | 18 |
| Batley | 15 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 290 | 271 | 18 |
| Rochdale | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 389 | 390 | 16 |
| Barrow | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 331 | 376 | 16 |
| Carlisle | 16 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 300 | 430 | 12 |
| Swinton | 15 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 277 | 380 | 10 |
| Hunslet | 15 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 210 | 372 | 4 |
| Bramley | 16 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 207 | 417 | 2 |
| Highfield | 16 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 172 | 640 | 2 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackpool 10 Dudley Hill 40; Chorley 44 Askam 6; Nottingham City 6 Woolston 32. Saturday: Egremont 18 Leigh MW 14. Other matches postponed.

### SKIING

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia: Men's World Cup: Giant slalom: 1, F Nyberg (Swe) 2min 08.81sec; 2, M Belfrond (It) 2:09.93; 3, T Barnerssoi (Ger) 2:10.02; 4, C Mayer (Austria) 2:10.14; equal 5, G Mader (Austria) and M Kunc (Slovenia) 2:10.26. Slalom: 1, F C Jagge (Nor) 1min 43.46sec; 2, O C Furuseth (Nor) 1:43.51; 3, T Fogdoe (Swe) 1.43.59; 4, P Roth (Ger) 1:43.87; 5, T Sykora (Austria) 1:44.49.
ALTENMARKT, Austria: Women's World Cup: Super giant slalom (abandoned after 32 starters but results stands): 1, H Zurbriggen (Switz) 1min 38.77sec; equal 2, S Eder (Austria) and K Seizinger (Ger) 1:37.72; 4, U Maier (Austria) 1:37.89; 5, H Zeller-Baehler (Switz) 1:37.91. Slalom: 1, V Schneider (Switz) 1min 36.41sec; 2, P Wiberg (Swe) 1:36.96; 3, B Fillol (Fr) 1:38.08; 4, P Chauvet (Fr) 1:38.18; 5, M Ertl (Ger) 1:38.25.

### SQUASH

CASTLETON, Gwent: Under-19 Home International Tournament: Boys: England 5 Wales 0; Scotland 5 Ireland 0; Scotland 4 Wales 1; England 5 Ireland 0; Wales 5 Ireland 0; England 5 Scotland 0. Final positions: 1, England 57pts; 2, Scotland 37; 3, Wales 26; 4, Ireland 5. Girls: Scotland 5 Wales 0; England 5 Wales 0; Scotland 4 Ireland 1; England 5 Ireland 0; Ireland 5 Wales 0; England 5 Scotland 0. Final positions: 1, England 57pts; 2, Scotland 38; 3, Ireland 22; 4, Wales 2.

### TENNIS

BRISBANE: Australian women's hardcourt championships: Semi-finals: L Davenport (US) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-4; F Labat (Arg) w/o M Maleeva (Bul, scr). Final: Davenport bt Labat 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.
DOHA: Qatar Open: Semi-finals: S Edberg (Swe) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 6-2, 6-4. Final: Edberg bt Haarhuis (Holl) 6-3, 6-2.
ADELAIDE: Australian men's hardcourt tennis championship: Quarter-finals: N Kulti (Swe) bt G Raoux (Fr) 7-6, 6-3; A Volkov (Russ) bt K Carlsen (Den) 7-5, 6-0. Semi-finals: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-1, 7-5; Volkov bt Kulti 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Final: Kafelnikov bt Volkov 6-4, 6-3.
SWANSEA: Reebok Tour: Finals: Men: M Barnard (SA) bt D Sapsford (Surrey) 3-6, 6-1, 6-0. Women: Final: K Cross (Devon) bt G Coorengel (Holl) 6-2, 6-2.

## SNOW REPORTS

| | Depth (cm) L | Depth (cm) U | Conditions Piste | Conditions Off/p | Runs to resort | Weather (5pm) | °C | Last snow |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ANDORRA** | | | | | | | | |
| Soldeu | 80 | 105 | good | varied | good | fine | -3 | 6/1 |
| *(Excellent piste skiing in all areas)* | | | | | | | | |
| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | | |
| Mayrhofen | 0 | 60 | fair | heavy | closed | fine | 3 | 2/1 |
| *(Plenty of good skiing available)* | | | | | | | | |
| Obergurgl | 85 | 145 | good | powder | good | sun | -2 | 8/1 |
| *(Excellent skiing conditions everywhere)* | | | | | | | | |
| Schladming | 30 | 120 | fair | heavy | worn | sun | 6 | 4/1 |
| *(Good skiing on upper slopes)* | | | | | | | | |
| Söll | 25 | 65 | fair | spring | icy | fine | 5 | 4/1 |
| *(Still good skiing on north-facing slopes)* | | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | | |
| Alpe d'Huez | 130 | 220 | good | powder | good | fine | -5 | 7/1 |
| *(Perfect skiing on and off piste)* | | | | | | | | |
| Tignes | 135 | 320 | good | varied | good | sun | -6 | 8/1 |
| *(Excellent skiing everywhere)* | | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 150 | 350 | good | crust | good | fine | -9 | 9/1 |
| *(Excellent skiing with good visibility)* | | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | | |
| Arosa | 80 | 85 | good | powder | good | cloud | 2 | 9/1 |
| *(Superb snow conditions and all pistes open)* | | | | | | | | |
| C Montana | 70 | 180 | good | varied | good | sun | -1 | 8/1 |
| *(Good skiing in sunny conditions above foggy valley)* | | | | | | | | |
| Klosters | 40 | 130 | good | powder | good | cloud | 1 | 8/1 |
| *(Excellent skiing in all areas)* | | | | | | | | |
| Mürren | 30 | 90 | good | varied | fair | fine | -1 | 8/1 |
| *(Good piste skiing at all levels)* | | | | | | | | |
| Villars | 45 | 130 | good | varied | good | sun | 5 | 4/1 |
| *(Excellent skiing under sunny skies)* | | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 10 | 30 | good | heavy | slushy | fine | 2 | 9/1 |
| *(Good piste skiing above 1,600 metres)* | | | | | | | | |

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Brilliance of Luckes earns share of spoils


IAN STEWART

Torvill and Dean look on as the scoreboard displays nine perfect sixes for their free programme on their return to the British ice dance championship on Saturday

# Torvill and Dean find perfect pitch



**Simon Barnes watches the British ice dance champions make an artful sacrifice to seal a victorious return**

Six. Six. Six. Torvill and Dean are back all right. Was it an overwhelming triumph? Was it a desperate disappointment? I suppose it was six of one and half a dozen of the other.

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean certainly carried all before them in the Peoples Phone British ice dance championship this weekend, and certainly collected a few perfect six marks on the way.

On Saturday, they danced their free programme, to the artfully appropriate strains of *Let's Face the Music and Dance*. Artistic impression? Whoosh: nine sixes in a row of lights across the rink, flowers thrown onto the ice, Torvill in tears, the audience in raptures, seems like they have never been away.

After ten years as professionals, their return to competitive skating was as perfect as they could have wished. Now on to the European championships in Copenhagen and, next month, the Olympics. Nothing in professional skating can give them so vast a stage. The performance was brilliant, but it was a little as if a pianist were to play your favourite piece of music quite perfectly, note for note, but at about 300 times the usual speed. You are in awe at the virtuosity, but you cannot help but feel that something is lacking.

I don't think that if this had been their Olympic gold medal-winning dance of 1984, instead of the magnificent melodrama of *Bolero*, there would be quite as much enthusiasm for their return a decade later. *Bolero* captured the world's hearts: this time they are aiming to capture the judges' minds.

Quite right, too. That is their job. This is a competition, after all. "It is the most difficult programme I have ever seen," Betty Calloway, their coach, said. "They do make it look easy, but anyone can see that it takes a good deal of stamina, with its series of intricate changes of position and attitude."

Dean said: "We're pretty exhausted by the end of it. It is very physical for us. If you miss a single step, you miss 40 others. You just can't catch up. You leave a gaping hole in the routine."

It was, in short, one for the connoisseurs, for people who really know how difficult it is to perform effortlessly and seamlessly on a sheet of glass. That means, compared with the unabashed crowd-movers like *Bolero*, it was — well, a bit abstruse for the general reader.

Flamboyance and drama have been set aside. The new international rules demand it and Torvill and Dean have faced the prohibitions on artistic aspiration by rising to dazzling heights of technical virtuosity. They have thrown the new rules back in the judges' faces. Every aspect of the performance save its virtuosity was understated.

Even the costumes were understated: a white bum-freezer jacket for him, a fairly conventional dazzle of sequins for her. And the show was excellent, of course it was, but T and D have trained us to expect more.

Indeed, they gave it to us on Friday night, with their red-hot rumba, which was about as sexually explicit as you can get while sliding around on a sheet of ice. That was the drama, the oomph, the emotional impact we know. That was classic T and D territory.

"Chris has the ideas, Jayne makes them work," Calloway, summing up their working relationship for all time, said. And that combination of inventiveness and perfectionism has given us some extraordinary routines, routines which have elevated something very like sport into something very like art.

It was their mould-breaking genius that caused competitive ice dancing to lose its way in wild-costumed theatrics. But Torvill and Dean are back and playing the new back-to-basics game for all they are worth. And they did it immaculately: "We wanted to send out signals abroad," Dean said, and every skater heading towards the Winter Olympics will be trembling. "There was a lot of pressure this week." But he did not mean the pressures of skating against the aspiring Britons. He meant the pressures of making a global statement of intent with the first performance of the new dance.

"We were nervous and apprehensive, because we wanted to skate *well*," Torvill said. Dean added: "I think we will be more relaxed at the Europeans. This has been a confidence booster — we have worked in a vacuum so long."

But what about — well, art? Would it have mattered, to give a wonderful performance and finish second? What about going to the Olympics and, say, not winning?

Dean's slightly pained smile acknowledged a palpable hit. "This sport is all about reward, and achievement," he said, "and if you get the medal, you win." Dean wants to win all right. Whatever else they are, T and D are competitors through and through.

If I had had a flower on me, I would have certainly have thrown it onto the ice on Saturday. But I would have thrown it for Marika Humphreys, who, with her partner Justin Lanning, would be heading towards the Olympics herself if T and D had not reappeared. Instead, they finished gracious and graceful and unquestionably second-best. So they stay here, and skate at home. In Slough.

But that's showbiz. Or perhaps, that's sport, but it doesn't really matter. Both worlds are equally cruel.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Jones marks return in dominant style

DEAN Jones made a triumphant return to international cricket as Australia beat South Africa by 48 runs in a World Series Cup game in Brisbane yesterday. Jones hit 98 of his side's 230 for nine on his first appearance since the one-day series against New Zealand almost a year ago. Gary Kirsten made a defiant 51 for South Africa, who struggled against the bowling of Glenn McGrath, who took four for 24.

On Saturday, Chris Cairns made a telling impact with both bat and ball as New Zealand beat South Africa by nine runs in Brisbane. After some fierce hitting in his innings of 70, Cairns took the vital wicket of Peter Kirsten, who made 98, as the South Africans fell just short of a revised target of 229 from 39 overs, following a break for rain.

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### Wales stalk Robson

FOOTBALL: Bobby Robson, the former England manager, has emerged as the favourite to become the next manager of Wales. Alun Evans, the chief executive of the Football Association of Wales, confirmed yesterday that Robson is on its shortlist. An appointment is expected to be made by the end of the month.

Evans said Robson had been approached after his dismissal as coach of Sporting Lisbon last month. Terry Yorath, whose contract as manager expired on December 31, has been invited to re-apply for his former position and "should not be written off", Evans said.

### Cardiff maintain form

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils easily beat Billingham Bombers 11-5 on Saturday in the British League premier division, recording their eighth successive win, the last four by double-figure scores. Billingham, with only one win in their last 11 outings, remain in last place in the table.

Humberside Hawks — who beat Murrayfield Racers 11-7, are unbeaten in six games since the return of Dan Dorion. Dorion has been involved in 31 of their 62 goals during that run.

### Hudson finds fast lane

ROWING: Oxford University's lightweight men's boat race squad held its trial eights race over a floodswept Henley course on Saturday. "Young", on the towpath station, beat "Ernst" by 2½ lengths after leading from the start and pulling away as the coxwain, Leila Hudson, took command of the fast stream. The Oxford President, Mark Lauder, later revealed a new scull, paid for by a three-year £15,000 sponsorship package with the accountants, Ernst and Young.

### Swiss take honours

SKIING: Vreni Schneider completed a weekend of Swiss success in the Austrian Alps yesterday, by scoring her 47th World Cup victory with two dominating runs at Altenmarkt. On Saturday, another Swiss, Heidi Zurbriggen, gained her first World Cup victory when officials upheld the placings in the super-giant slalom, abandoned after 32 starters for safety reasons. In the men's slalom at Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, yesterday, Finn-Christian Jagge, of Norway, won his first World Cup slalom since his 1992 Olympic victory.

### Reprieve for Pearson

BASKETBALL: Tracy Pearson, one of two Americans dismissed by Guildford Kings just before Christmas, is likely to return to help Kevin Cadle's squad in their European championship tie against KV Mechelen in Belgium on Wednesday. Guildford's change of heart was prompted by the prospect of much-needed new sponsorship, but Lorenzo Duncan, the playmaker dismissed with Pearson, will not be recalled. "There's an attitude issue there," Barry Dow, Guildford's joint-owner, said.

### Kerrigan selected



ICE SKATING: Nancy Kerrigan, right, was selected for the United States women's team to compete at the Winter Olympic Games in Norway next month, even though she was unable to compete at the national championships in Detroit this weekend after being hit the right leg by an assailant on Thursday. Tonya Harding won the title, and remaining Olympic place, on Saturday.

### George whitewashed

DARTS: John Part, 27, from Canada, produced some devastating finishing power at Frimley Green on Saturday to become the first overseas player to win the Embassy world professional championship. Part, who won £32,000 in prize-money, beat Bobby George, of England, 6-0 to record the fourth whitewash in the final since the event began in 1978. Part, playing in the championship for the first time, lost only one set in his five matches during the week.

### England dominate

SQUASH: England dominated the under-19 home international tournament at St Mellons Country Club in Castleton, near Cardiff as the English made the most of being given a clear passage after Wales selected a squad lacking their best three players, including the brilliant Tegwen Malik, who advanced, unseeded, to the British Open Under-19 final in London last week. Wales finished bottom of the table with just two points to show against England's 57.

## Brilliance of Luckes earns share of spoils

Spain ..... 2
Great Britain ..... 2

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BARCELONA

GREAT Britain could manage only a draw against Spain in the three nations' hockey tournament here yesterday and the host country won the trophy by virtue of having scored more goals against Belgium. Although Britain led, Spain hit back twice to level the score and only an exceptional display in goal by David Luckes prevented a convincing home victory.

Doubts about the fitness of Crutchley and Shaw forced Britain to omit them from the original line-up, but, after a spiritless first 20 minutes, Shaw came on to earn Britain's first short corner, which gave way to another in the 27th minute that Garcia converted with a subtle push for his third goal of the tournament. Spain retaliated three minutes before half-time when Escarre, also a substitute, hit the target with a thundering shot.

Crutchley, appearing at the start of the second half, set up the chance from a long corner, earned by another substitute, Mayer, for Shaw to give Britain the lead in the 49th minute only for Arnau to break away for Spain's equaliser.

SPAIN: R Juliesa; J Elarque, S Ames, R Sala, X Guerrero, V Pujol, J Dinares, J Garcia-Maurino, D Freixa, P Garcia, X Arnau. Substitutes: J Escarre, X Molins, N Cobos.

GREAT BRITAIN: D Luckes (East Grinstead); P Bolland (Hounslow), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), R Davie (Harleston Magpies), Sorna Singh (Southgate), M Sutton (Bournville), D Williams (Havant), J Leslett (Teddington), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), S Nicklin (Teddington), R Thompson (Hounslow). Substitutes: R Crutchley (Hounslow), J Shaw (Southgate), C Mayer (Cannock), P McGuire (Teddington).

## Radcliffe leaves McKiernan trailing

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

A COACH is always the first to know and Alex Stanton, Paula Radcliffe's trainer, had seen the evidence on cold, dark nights at a track in Bedford. An increased number of 1,000-metre runs, less recovery between each, and every one faster than she was running them last year.

After her cross country victory over Catherina McKiernan in Belfast on Saturday, a week after beating Zola Pieterse in Durham, there will be no going back now for Radcliffe from public expectation of success in the world championships in Budapest on March 26.

Success, as defined by the athlete, would be a place in the top ten. The 1,000 metres is, after all, the hardest athletics world title to win because it brings together middle-distance and distance runners.

While Radcliffe proclaims cautiously, others, including Ian Stewart, the last British man to win a world cross country title, in 1975, see Radcliffe as better than a top-ten athlete.

"She is in with a shout," Stewart said after watching the 20-year-old sprint away from the experienced McKiernan with 500 of the 4,800-metre Mallusk course remaining.

Radcliffe looks, at worst, top six material: "She is going well, better than our dream," Stanton said. Even what appeared to be a loose shoelace flapping from her right foot as the race reached its climax did not upset her concentration.

McKiernan, the world championship runner-up for the past two years, must be wondering how Radcliffe could have given her such a trouncing. When McKiernan, head down and leaning into the wind, applied the pressure from the front at 3,000 metres, Radcliffe stuck like mud to her heels. When the kick came, it was decisive, leaving McKiernan 40 metres adrift at the finish.

The Irishwoman was obviously shocked, but it may be some consolation for her to know that it was a fresh Radcliffe she was racing, not one who had trained through, thinking ahead to the challenge in Budapest. Radcliffe had run neither on Thursday nor Friday.

Ismael Kirui's victory in the men's race meant that the two 1992 junior world champions again triumphed on the same afternoon. Kirui, at 18, remains a junior, but has, already, impressive senior credentials. Last March, he was third in the senior world cross country and, in August, won the 5,000 metres at the world championships in Stuttgart.

His prize in Stuttgart was a Mercedes. Here the reward was a bottle of milk, although he was paid to run. Cross country is far removed from track racing when it comes to earnings: appearance fees are small and prize-money almost non-existent.

Kirui, like Radcliffe, is too fresh to the enjoyment of his achievements to be thinking about money. His priorities this year, he said, were to win the senior world cross country and to challenge Said Aouita's 5,000 metres world record of 12min 58.39sec.

The ambitious attempt by Spencer Duval to stay with Kirui lasted only just beyond the halfway mark in the 8,000 metres race. Once clear, the Kenyan did no more than was required to stay ahead — in the interests, he said, of ensuring that spectators did not lose concentration. "I wanted to keep the interest in the race for the people," Kirui said.

David Lewis, of Britain, was second, while, in contrast to the long-standing campaigner, Justin Hobbs was fourth. Hobbs was a promising junior in the mid-Eighties, but fell victim to a combination of glandular fever and injuries. On this form, he will make Britain's team for Budapest.

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## Forster's three-try burst stuns Leeds

Warrington ..... 37
Leeds ..... 18

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE MOST remarkable passage of play in an extraordinary encounter at Wilderspool yesterday produced three tries in eight minutes by the Warrington right wing, Mark Forster, who staked a claim for the quickest hat-trick in rugby league history. His brilliance put Warrington two points clear at the top of the Stones Bitter championship.

Leeds threatened a comeback, but conceded a dozen points in the last ten minutes and had Irving sent off for swinging a punch at Warrington's replacement, Hilton.

Forster's scores followed vibrant attacking play, mainly inspired by Shelford at loose forward and eased by the absence of the injured Iro on Leeds' left flank. Penny and Davies were also allowed room to create problems.

After Tait found room from acting half back to go over in the sixth minute, Warrington took command. Hanley led Leed's fight-back, running powerfully to prompt two tries in four minutes by Cummins and Eyres, which put the score at 26-18. However, mistakes by Scales and Tait led to decisive scores by Davies and Myler.

SCORERS: Warrington: Tries: Forster (3), Myler (2), Penny, Davies. Goals: Davies (4). Dropped goal: Davies. Leeds: Tries: Tait, Cummins, Eyres. Goals: Holroyd (3).

WARRINGTON: L Penny; M Forster, A Bateman, J Davies, R Myler; K Ellis, G Mackay; C Tatcel (sub: M Hilton, 16min), J Thurlfield, R Phillips, D Elliot (sub: P Derbyshire, 6), M Gregory (sub: Elliot, 68), K Shelford.

LEEDS: A Tait; J Faloon, S Irving, F Cummins, J Scales; G Holroyd, G Stephens; N Harmon (sub: M Vassilekopoulos, 32), J Lowes, H Howard (sub: Harmon, 71), M O'Neill (sub: G Ross, 32; sub: O'Neill, 71), R Eyres, E Hanley.

Referee: D Campbell.

## Smith caught after splendid getaway

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

LAWRIE Smith and his European crew aboard *Intrum Justitia* made another cracking start when the Whitbread Round the World Race resumed from Fremantle, Western Australia, yesterday. The British skipper led the fleet of yachts away on the initial run up the coast and, though passed later by Grant Dalton's maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*, and *Merit Cup*, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, Smith was back in command last night on the shy reach south towards Cape Naturale, sharing the lead with Javier de la Gandara's Spanish 60-footer, *Galicia 93 Pescanova*.

Chasing one mile astern was Dennis Conner's *Winston* and *Tokio*, skippered by Chris Dickson, followed by the leading maxis, *Merit* and *La Poste*, now skippered by Eric Tabarly.

Dalton's Endeavour, which leads the maxi fleet overall after the first two stages, had surprisingly slipped to third in the class after taking a course closer inshore than the rest in the hope of picking up the changing sea-breeze early today.

Another to take a flyer was fellow his Zealander, Ross Field. Last night, his yacht, *Yamaha*, with a new navigator, Murray Ross, calling the shots, was charting a solitary course to the south west in the hope of getting to windward of the fleet. So far, the tactic has borne little fruit, for in nine hours, *Yamaha's* position had slipped from third among the Whitbread 60s at the first mark down to ninth, one mile ahead of the Ukrainian entry, *Odessa*, and 24 miles behind Smith.

*Winston*, the American 60-footer, also made a surprisingly slow start, first picking the wrong end of the line before being drawn into calmer conditions close to Cottesloe beach. By last night, however, Conner and his crew had pulled themselves back up to third overall.

Another to falter was Dawn Riley's all-woman crew on *Heineken*. They tore a spinnaker almost as soon as the gun had fired, but, by last night, had used the 18-25knot south-westerly winds to pull back level with Matt Humphries' sixth-placed *Dolphin & Youth*.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Auckland): Whitbread 60 class: equal 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) and Galicia '93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 3,185 miles; 3 equal, Toldo (C Dickson, NZ) and Winston (D Conner and B Butterworth, US) 3,198; 5, Brookfield (G Makita, It) 3,197; 6 equal, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) and Heineken (D Riley, US) 3,196; 8, Heiman Sahaldachny (E Paton, Ukr) 3,267; 9, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 3,219; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 3,220 (estimated). Maxi: 1 equal, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) and La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 3,197; 3, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 3,196; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 3,205.

☐ Italy, who reached the finals of the 1992 America's Cup regatta, failed to raise enough money for a return bid and are out of the 1995 event.

## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

**ABLACTATION**

(a) The weaning of a child, or the young of quadrupeds, from the mother, from the past participial stem of the Latin *ab-* off + *lactāre* to suckle, *lac lactis* milk: "The consequences of too sudden and peremptory an ablactation."

**BEDRID**

(a) Confined to bed through sickness or infirmity. The usual prose form is now *bedridden*. From the OE *bed* + *rida* a rider: "Whose richly furnish'd Table would invite/ A bedrid stomack to an appetite."

**VORAGO**

(b) An abyss, gulf or chasm, from the Latin *vorāgo* from *vorāre* to devour: "Adultery and concubinage did you mention! Another vorago, two voragoes, Scylla and Charybdis, of national wealth."

**WIS**

(a) Originally in *I wis* = *Iwis* adverbially, meaning certainly, assuredly, truly, erroneously taken as "I know": "Full well I wis/ To serve your princely will were perfect bliss." Elizabeth Barrett Browning, *Romaunt of Page*, 1844: "In the dark chambère, if the bride was fair. Ye wis, I could not see."

**SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE**

1 ... Qh3! is the surprising breakthrough, e.g. 2 Qxh3 Rg1+ or 2 Qe1 Qxf1+ 3 Qxf1 Rg1+ mating.

# Irish suffer as Carling returns with flourish

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| London Irish | 7 |
| Harlequins | 33 |

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LONDON Irish must be coming to loathe the holiday season. On Saturday, for the fourth year running, they lost their post-Christmas league game and it is no coincidence that, at the same time, proliferating representative calls have drawn away their players and, in some cases, returned them the worse for wear.

Players in Ireland for family breaks, an A international and trials injuries left the Exiles struggling at Sunbury. In a three-week period, their first XV has trained together once and a club that lacks strength in depth cannot sustain the quality that the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship demands.

The Irish back division against Harlequins, whom they have not beaten since 1986, contained no centres, Cobbe, a stand-off half, and Hennessy, a full back, making up for the absence of Dooley and Burns. It showed.

Although Harlequins had to wait for Domoni to leave the field injured before coming to terms with the lineout, their eventual victory, by two goals, two tries and three penalty goals to a goal, was as comfortable as it sounds and leaves the Irish potential relegation candidates, grimly hanging on to the shirt-tails of the mid-table pack.

They could have done without Carling returning in such zestful mood, too. The England captain had not played since the victory over New Zealand in November, a combination of influenza, a holiday and a shoulder injury keeping him out of action. Yet the break before his tenth game of the season has done *him nothing but good: he was* sharp in attack, strong in defence and timing his passes so well that, even on a gluepot of a pitch, which the Irish volunteers had done well to make playable, the Harlequins backs found space out wide.

"There's going to be no break between now and getting on the tour to South Africa," Carling said. "I'll end up playing 25 games, which I think is the maximum you should play." Not all of them, of course, will be for Harlequins and Carling is conscious of critics who say he does not turn out enough for his club.

"People who say that should take account of how much time England takes up. As captain, my first loyalty is to country rather than club and I have always appreciated how much Harlequins have helped me in that. As Geoff Cooke says, you have to think of yourself as an international player who happens to play club rugby. That's the frame of mind I get into and, although I sometimes feel guilty when I haven't played for Harlequins, there's not a lot I can do about it."

If, when he is there, he plays as well as he did on Saturday, the critics will dwindle. He was part of a controlled display that ensured, when Harlequins reached the opposing 22, they scored. The Irish, for all the effort of their lineout jumpers and the aggressive running of Halpin in the loose, never looked like matching that control simply because, outside Saunders, they had no direction.

Burke, conscious of his patchwork midfield and the absence of Geoghegan, who was protecting a knee injury but is optimistic of playing for Ireland on Saturday, was hesitant. Saunders, under the eye of Noel Murphy, the Ireland team manager, played as well as circumstances allowed and, although the fine edge of accuracy was absent, it was enough to earn him a place among the Irish replacements in Paris. In contrast, Challinor and the confident Bray knew exactly where they wanted the game to be played.

Domoni's peel round the front of a lineout allowed the Irish a glimmer of native optimism early in the game and Harlequins had to adjust for the loss of Jardine-Brown and then Thresher, his replacement, leaving Brown playing in the unaccustomed back row rather than front row. But injuries to Collins and Domoni were far more serious for the Irish, whose defensive patterns were badly exposed in the second half.

Russell's try and Bray's third penalty goal had given Harlequins a 14-7 half-time advantage. Thereafter, they embellished the margin with three delightful tries, Glenister arcing into the corner from a five-metre scrum and O'Leary twice rubbing salt into Irish wounds.

SCORERS: London Irish: Try: Domoni. Conversion: Cobbe. Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary (2), Russell, Glenister. Conversions: Bray (2) Penalty goals: Bray (3).
LONDON IRISH: J Staples; V Rolands, R Hennessy, O Cobbe, R Henderson, P Burke, R Saunders; N Donovan, R Kellam, G Halpin, P Collins, A Higgins, S Domoni. R Jenkins, A Verling, Collins replaced by H Lamb (46mm), Domoni replaced by J McFarland (48).
HARLEQUINS: K Bray, D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander; P Challinor, R Glenister, J Leonard, P Simmonds, A Mullins, M Russell, T Coker, S Dear, R Jardine-Brown, C Sheasby. Jardine-Brown replaced by P Thresher (11); Thresher replaced by S Brown (23).
Referee: K Ricketts (London)

HAVING reinstated the Bath-Bristol league match last Friday, the Rugby Football Union expects a report on the postponed match between Newcastle Gosforth and Orrell on Saturday. The match was called off after Orrell protested to the referee, Geraint Davies, over frozen patches at Kingston Park. Postponements will also be discussed at the Senior Clubs Association's executive committee meeting on Thursday.

CRAIG PRENTIS



Kardooni, watched by Richards, right, is about to set Leicester in motion against Northampton

# Harris exerts great influence

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| Leicester | 36 |
| Northampton | 9 |

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

IT TOOK Leicester an hour to subdue Northampton's passion on Saturday, but having done so, to paraphrase Ron Pickering *circa* Montreal 1976, they opened their legs, showed their class and battered the opposition into submission with an awesome final 20 minutes.

On an afternoon that provided plenty of good as well as a hint of bad for Geoff Cooke, the England manager, that Northampton's demise began with Tim Rodber's departure *was no more than coincidence.*

Nursing a damaged hamstring, Rodber passed the Northampton No 8 berth to Simon Foale after 61 minutes, but even at his best the England open-side flanker would have been powerless to prevent what followed.

Within two minutes of his going off, fortune had favoured Leicester twice and, with the near-capacity Welford Road crowd sensing that Northampton were starting to creak, their side began to flow.

First, what looked a deliberate knock-on by Stuart Potter on his ten-metre line, was overlooked by Matt Bayliss and Steve Hackney made some 50 metres to all but score; then, at the breakdown, Northampton were awarded a penalty for not releasing, only for it to be reversed on the intervention of a touch judge, who spied some illegal footwork well within Jez Harris's range.

And, as is becoming the norm, it was no afternoon to toy with Harris. The kick went over, three tries followed, Harris converted them all, more chances went begging and what had been a 12-9 lead on the hour was stretched to a 36-9 rout by the final whistle.

On the plus side for England, Tony Underwood was particularly sharp, albeit on the left — his brother's — wing, and Ian Hunter, at full back, looked hungry. Neil Back was Neil Back, but is still vertically challenged. Potter — playing more like Simon Halliday with every match — marked Cooke's card as a man for perhaps more than just a string of A-team caps, with his "route one" tactics in the centre, while the second row Martins, Johnson and Bayfield, ruled their respective areas of the lineout. Neil Edwards, selected to give Scotland some presence in that department, was eclipsed in the process.

It was not a good afternoon for Edwards. Making his league debut for Northampton, the former Harlequin was in the action immediately, fielding Leicester's kick-off. Fine so far; but he was turned, robbed and left wondering why it should happen to him as Harris dropped a goal from 35 metres; all inside 16 seconds. But that, at the moment, is Harris.

His 21 points included his ninth and tenth dropped goals in the Courage Clubs Championship this season and took his tally in the last three league matches to 59.

With his half-back partner, Kardooni, he kept Northampton under pressure, his willingness to run second, third and even fourth-phase ball in an attempt to outflank the defence being a refreshing break from what is becoming a stereo-typed league No 10's role.

Should Rodber's injury be worse than it looked — although by the way he walked off it appeared more a strained hamstring than a torn one — Back must surely, at last, gain that elusive asterisk (* denotes international). In the thick of everything as usual, his most telling contribution was a sweeping pass to Underwood for the second try; as is expected of a former school scrum half, the execution was perfect. But, with few exceptions, most of his play is.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Underwood, Poole, Kilford Conversions: Harris (3). Penalty goals: Harris (3). Dropped goals: Harris (2) Northampton: Penalty goals: Grayson (3).
LEICESTER: W Kilford; S Hackney, S Potter, L Boyle, T Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.
NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter, K Morgan, J Fletcher, M Fielden, N Beal; P Grayson, M Dawson; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, N Edwards, M Bayfield, M Stelliet, T Rodber. Rodber replaced by S Foale (61min); B Taylor temporary replacement for Fielden.
Referee: M Bayliss (Gloucester).

# Accurate Callard punishes Bristol mistakes

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| Bath | 9 |
| Bristol | 0 |

BY BRYAN STILES

AFTER all the midweek fuss about the state of the pitch, the only area of the Recreation Ground that had to be abandoned on Saturday was the secretary's office. The internal plumbing let them down and the office flooded — the pitch created little problem.

Bath were still smarting about the ultimatum from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) to stage the game or forfeit two Courage Clubs' Championship points, but by Saturday afternoon, the pitch was certainly playable, even if greasy in parts, and, by Saturday evening, Bath and Bristol were back to being good West Country pals again, with the pitch issue forgotten.

"We had a splendid evening with the Bristol committee after the game and that's what rugby is about," John Quinn, the Bath secretary said. He confirmed that the club will not be pursuing the pitch issue with the RFU.

John Hall, the Bath captain, was far from happy with his team's performance, however. Too much Christmas pudding, the upset to preparations by the on-off saga, the recent retirement of Gareth Chilcott, the former England prop, and the understandable time it was taking newcomers to be assimilated were reasons he gave for a below-par showing. "I can promise you won't see such a bad performance again," he said.

Bath lacked their usual edge, due in part to the fine defence and aggressive attacking play by the Bristol pack, who contributed to a gripping derby game.

Blackmore and Shaw gave the visitors plenty of possession from the lineout and Eves, their captain, was inspirational. It was a pity their midfield did not take better advantage.

Callard, the England full back, collected all the points with three penalty goals from four attempts. Taunton, Bristol's stand-off and goalkicker, did not have a happy afternoon. He missed with all three of his attempts.

SCORER: Bath: Penalty goals: Callard (3).
BATH: J Callard; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, M Lloyd; S Barnes, I Sanders; C Clark; G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, M Haag, P McCoy, J Hall, B Clarke. C Atkins temporary replacement for Dawes.
BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, A Saverimutto, R Knibbs, S Crossland; M Tainton, R Kilchin; A Sharp, M Regan; D Hinkins, B Armstrong, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, C Barrow, D Palmer temporary replacement for Sharp.
Referee: D Leslie (Scot).

# Ring runs Newport ragged to benefit of underdogs

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| Newport | 5 |
| Pontypool | 14 |

BY GERALD DAVIES

MARK Ring is not the player he was: it is a much-repeated refrain. Why should he be now that he is in the autumn of his playing days at Pontypool? Yet he can still dish out lessons to much younger, more ambitious players. His instinct for the game remains, even if his reactions are no longer quite what they were.

Speed was never his strong point: a bit of sleight of hand here, a nonchalant feint there, was more his kind of thing. He was, and still is, a delight to watch. In these unsmiling times for rugby union, the days of "big hits" and tackling statistics, Ring is a breath of fresh air. Not that he ignores the tackle. Indeed, he had a fair amount to do in this game to ensure a victory by a try and three penalties to a try.

Yet nobody plays rugby quite like Ring. He should be cherished as a national treasure. There were those in the crowd who mocked him in the first half when Pontypool were losing, but he had the last laugh, exerting his influence to turn the match in Pontypool's favour.

This was a much-needed victory if Pontypool are to have any hope of avoiding relegation. While it does not lift them from their present position, second from bottom in the Heineken League, it may prove significant as they contemplate the precarious situation of others.

Newport began as if they would overwhelm their visitors and got an early try through Jason Williams. For all their effort, though, nothing more came.

David Rees and Jason Williams missed seven penalty attempts for the visitors. On the other hand, Ring had kicked two within ten minutes of the restart to lift his team. In the 22nd minute, he added another and the try that came eight minutes later, scored by Hugh Jones, merely confirmed that the tide had well and truly turned in the underdogs' favour.

SCORERS: Newport: Try: J Williams Pontypool: Try: H Jones. Penalty goals: M Ring (3).
NEWPORT: D Rees; M Puddy, M Yeoman, D Hughes, J Goodchild; J Williams, D Llewellyn; A Dibble, A Peacock, J Alves, A Carter, N Jones, C Wyatt, C Scott, R Goodey. Wyatt replaced by M Voyle (61min).
PONTYPOOL: P Armstrong; H Jones, P Taylor, M Taylor, B Taylor, M Ring, M de Medi; D Thomas, D Crimmins, B Phillips, J Short, M Francis, M Keenan, D Earland, G Taylor. Short replaced by M Taylor (41).
Referee: B Wallis (Cwmbran).

# Andrew inspires Wasps as Gloucester struggle

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| Wasps | 29 |
| Gloucester | 18 |

BY PETER BILLS

BY THE manner of their performance, more than simply through the fact that they won, Wasps emphasised with clarity the natural pecking order in English club rugby union these days. Although Bath, Wasps and Gloucester play in the first division of the Courage Clubs championship, neither team is in the same league as Bath and Gloucester are plainly not in Wasps' *league.*

That much was first made apparent when Bath trounced the Londoners in the cup before Christmas and nothing witnessed at Sudbury on Saturday suggested that Gloucester can aspire to the level of Wasps. Gloucester raised their game occasionally in this match, but the trend was for Wasps to display infinitely superior organisation, greater *class and strength.* Gloucester failed to do the simple things.

They also persistently questioned perfectly sound refereeing decisions. At one point, after Gloucester had been penalised for going over the top at a ruck, they were punished by a further ten yards when one of their players petulantly threw the ball away. Andrew, out of range initially, calmly kicked the goal from the advanced position. Such folly is mindless at this level.

Wasps' victory by two goals and five penalty goals to a goal, a try and two penalty goals was achieved without ever requiring top-drawer rugby. Wasps are a good side, but well short of a great one. To match Bath they must aspire to the latter. But how? They could ponder recruiting a coach from outside for, outstandingly as Rob Smith has done, it may be time for *another voice to help him.*



Andrew: international

The fact that Andrew is the club's only international player at present suggests several others have not fulfilled their potential. A figure like John Hart, the New Zealander, could help them achieve it.

Nevertheless, they were altogether too much for Gloucester, who have improved since earlier in the season. Wasps overwhelmed them in the lineouts by their shrewd variation and the Londoners' greater power was always evident.

Only a needless penalty try, conceded three minutes after half-time, brought Gloucester back into a game they were losing 17-3 at the interval. However, 17-10 quickly became 26-10 and Wasps were always beyond reach after that.

Tim Smith, on his 300th appearance for Gloucester, provided moments of note, moving to within five points of 2,500 for the club.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Ryan, Shortland. Conversions: Andrew (2) Penalty goals: Andrew (5). Gloucester: Tries: Fenley, penalty try Conversion: T Smith *Penalty goals: T Smith (2)*
WASPS: A Buzza; P Hopley, F Clough, G Childs, C Oti; R Andrew, S Bates; G Holmes, K Dunn, I Dunston, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, S Shortland, M White, D Ryan, M Skinner temporary replacement for Bates.
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, D Cummins, M Nicholson; A Johnson, B Fenley; A Windo, J Hawker, A Deacon, R Fowke, S Devereux, R West, I Smith, D Sims. Devereux temporarily replaced by R Baxter (56). I Morgan temporary replacement for Fenley.
Referee: S Piercy (RFU).

## WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

**Courage Clubs Championship**

First division

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| Bath | 9 | Bristol | 0 |

Bath: Pens: Callard 3

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| Leicester | 36 | Northampton | 9 |

Leicester: Tries: T Underwood, Poole, Kilford. Cons: Harris 3 Pens: Harris 3. Dropped goals: Harris 2 Northampton: Pens: Grayson 3.

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| L Irish | 7 | Harlequins | 33 |

London Irish: Tries: Domoni Con: Cobbe. Harlequins: Tries: O'Leary 2, Glenister, Russell Cons: Bray 2. Pens: Bray 3.

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| Wasps | 29 | Gloucester | 18 |

Wasps: Tries: Ryan, Shortland. Cons: Andrew 2 Pens: Andrew 5. Gloucester: Tries: Fenley, penalty try Con: T Smith. Pens: T Smith 2.

Postponed: Newcastle Gosforth v Orrell.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bath | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 241 | 96 | 18 |
| Leicester | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 207 | 114 | 16 |
| Wasps | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 192 | 159 | 13 |
| Harlequins | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 132 | 132 | 10 |
| Orrell | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 153 | 152 | 8 |
| Bristol | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 140 | 156 | 8 |
| Northampton | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 164 | 189 | 8 |
| Gloucester | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 144 | 185 | 8 |
| L Irish | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 94 | 176 | 6 |
| Newcastle G. | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 81 | 249 | 1 |

Second division

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| Moseley | 15 | Saracens | 16 |

Moseley: Pens: Hodgkinson 5. Saracens: Tries: Tunningley 2 Pens: Tunningley 2.

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| Otley | 12 | Nottingham | 18 |

Otley: Tries: Carroll, Flint. Con: Rutledge. Nottingham: Tries: Bradley, Furley. Con: Gregory Pen: Gregory Dropped goal: Gregory

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| Rugby | 16 | Wakefield | 12 |

Rugby: Tries: Rennell, Watson Pen: Mattinson. Dropped goal: Pell. Wakefield: Pens: Jackson 4.

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| Waterloo | 15 | W Hartlepool | 25 |

Waterloo: Pens: Swindells 5. West Hartlepool: Tries: O Evans Watson, Wrigley. Cons: Oliphant 2. Pens: Oliphant 2

Postponed: Sale v London Scottish

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| W Hartlepool | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 219 | 142 | 17 |
| Saracens | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 140 | 140 | 15 |
| Sale | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 172 | 65 | 13 |
| Wakefield | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 197 | 119 | 11 |
| Rugby | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 82 | 143 | 9 |
| Moseley | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 134 | 137 | 8 |
| Waterloo | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 130 | 189 | 7 |
| Otley | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 123 | 184 | 7 |
| L Scottish | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 107 | 140 | 6 |
| Nottingham | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 123 | 178 | 5 |

Third division

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|---|---|---|---|
| Blackheath | 30 | Havant | 14 |

Blackheath: Tries: Douglas 2, Mitchell 2, Sampson, Smith. Havant: Tries: Baldwin, White. Cons: Russell 2.

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| Ryde | 24 | Morley | 24 |

Ryde: Tries: Burns, Seed. Con: Parker. Pens: Parker 4. Morley: Tries: Clark, Stowe. Con: Grayshon. Pens: Grayshon 2.

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| Redruth | 3 | Coventry | 19 |

Redruth: Pen: S Whitworth. Coventry: Tries: Douglas, Thomson. Pens: Angell 3.

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| Richmond | 6 | Rosslyn Park | 19 |

Richmond: Pens: Livesey 2. Rosslyn Park: Try: Blake. Con: Ashworth. Pen: Robin 4

Postponed: Bedford v Exeter

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coventry | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 173 | 111 | 14 |
| Rosslyn Pk | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 165 | 118 | 11 |
| Richmond | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 171 | 122 | 10 |
| Blackheath | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 141 | 98 | 10 |
| Ryde | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 128 | 98 | 10 |
| Bedford | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 128 | 104 | 10 |
| Exeter | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 122 | 126 | 9 |
| Morley | 9 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 129 | 186 | 4 |
| Havant | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 85 | 172 | 2 |
| Redruth | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 56 | 172 | 2 |

Fourth division

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| Aspatria | 8 | Harrogate | 20 |
| Clifton | 47 | Plymouth | 10 |
| Sudbury | 18 | Askeans | 18 |

Postponed: Leeds v Broughton Park; Sheffield v Liverpool St Helens.

Fifth division north

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|---|---|---|---|
| Preston G | 17 | Birmingham | 16 |
| Stourbridge | 15 | Hereford | 11 |
| Walsall | 17 | Nuneaton | 0 |

Postponed: Rotherham v Durham; Bradford and Bingley v Kendal; Winnington Park and Stoke-on-Trent.

Fifth division south

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| L Welsh | 3 | Lydney | 3 |
| Reading | 32 | N Walsham | 3 |
| Southend | 10 | Camborne | 18 |

Postponed: Maidstone v High Wycombe; Metropolitan Police v Basingstoke; Tabard v Weston-super-Mare.

**Heineken League**

First division

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| Newbridge | 19 | Aberavon | 6 |

Newbridge: Tries: Crane 2. Pens: Green 3. Aberavon: Pens: Bebb 2.

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| Newport | 5 | Pontypool | 14 |

Newport: Tries: Williams, Pontypool: Tries: H Jones. Pens: Ring 3.

Second division

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| Treorchy | 14 | Narberth | 10 |

SWALEC Cup

Fourth round

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| Abercam-Oakdale | 6 | Pyle | 26 |
| | 25 | Builth Wells | 8 |

McEwan's League

First division

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| Boroughmuir | 23 | Watsonians | 30 |

Boroughmuir: Tries: Laird, Reid, Stark. Con: Edgson. Pens: Edgson 2. Watsonians: Tries: Matheson, Penalty. Con: Hodge. Pens: Hodge 3, Hastings 2. Dropped goal: Hodge.

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| Heriots | 19 | Melrose | 37 |

Heriots FP: Try: Gilmour. Con: Hewitt. Pens: Hewitt 4 Melrose: Tries: Brotherstone, Chalmers, Hogg, Joiner, G Parker. Cons: G Parker 3. Pens: G Parker 2.

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| Stewarts Mel. | 13 | Edinburgh Ac | 11 |

Stewarts Mel FP: Tries: Mackenzie. Cons: Thomson. Pens: Thomson 2. Edinburgh Acads: Try: Porter. Pens: Hay-Smith 2.

Other matches postponed.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Melrose | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 239 | 121 | 16 |
| Heriots FP | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 203 | 130 | 14 |
| Gala | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 193 | 123 | 12 |
| Stirling Co. | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 163 | 91 | 11 |
| Edinburgh Ac | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 168 | 127 | 11 |
| Currie | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 167 | 119 | 10 |
| Stewarts Mel. | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 119 | 124 | 9 |
| Jed-Forest | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 109 | 112 | 6 |
| Boroughmuir | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 102 | 181 | 6 |
| Watsonians | 9 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 150 | 200 | 6 |
| W of Scotland | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 131 | 185 | 5 |
| Hawick | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 89 | 121 | 5 |
| Kelso | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 96 | 197 | 4 |
| Selkirk | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 92 | 169 | 1 |

Second division

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| Clarkston | 5 | Grangemouth | 22 |
| Glasgow High | 42 | Wigtownshire | 13 |

Insurance Corporation League

First division

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| Blackrock Col | 12 | Greystones | 8 |
| Cork Con | 35 | Wanderers | 12 |
| Garryowen | 13 | St Mary's Col | 12 |
| Lansdowne | 9 | Dungannon | 27 |
| Y Munster | 6 | Old Wesley | 8 |

Second division

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| Bangor | 19 | Malone | 11 |
| Galwegians | 8 | Old Crescent | 12 |
| Instonians | 23 | Ballymena | 18 |
| Terenure | 14 | Dolphin | 9 |

Club matches

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| Bridgend | 14 | Sth Wales Pol | 55 |
| Cross Keys | 6 | Aberbiary | 20 |
| Glamorgan W | 5 | Cardiff | 29 |
| Llandovery | 7 | Neath | 37 |
| Penarth | 26 | Berry Hill | 3 |
| Swansea | 21 | Maesteg | 21 |

Other matches cancelled

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# Maguire to take ride on Fortune And Fame

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

ADRIAN Maguire is set to replace Brendan Sheridan on Fortune And Fame, the ante-post favourite for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham on March 15.

The jockey switch was made possible yesterday when David Nicholson announced that his unbeaten four-year-old hurdler, Mysilv, would almost certainly by-pass the Champion Hurdle for the Triumph Hurdle, leaving his stable jockey free to ride any horse he liked in the big race on the opening day of the festival.

Weld, who replaced Sheridan with Maguire on Judicial Field in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on Saturday, has long been an admirer of Maguire and it is hardly surprising he wishes to snap up his services for the hurdlers' crown.

Speaking from Barbados, before leaving for home last night, Weld said: "I will be discussing the matter with Dr Michael Smurfit, the owner of Fortune And Fame, and we will make an announcement next week."

Fortune And Fame returned better than ever from a 20-month lay-off to win the Bookmakers Hurdle at Leopardstown over Christmas and is due to return to the same course on January 23 for the Irish Champion Hurdle, where Maguire is likely to ride.

Beaten only once over hurdles, Fortune And Fame is a best-priced 7-1 for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, where he has an oustanding chance given the lack of top-class hurdlers in Britain. The expected booking further strengthens the hand of Maguire, who is 40 winners clear of Richard Dunwoody in the jockeys' table.

Dunwoody, who rode his first treble for Martin Pipe at Warwick on Saturday since becoming his stable jockey, has never been hungrier or more determined, but even he acknowledges he will need a "near-miracle" to catch Maguire.

"Obviously it is going to be difficult to get back to Adrian. He has got so many decent yards to ride for. Apart from David Nicholson, there is Howard Johnson and John White, whose horses might be coming right. That is why I am not giving up on my outside rides. But in no way am I conceding the jockeys' title, although I realise it is going to be a very difficult task."

Dunwoody, who has recently appointed a new agent to book his rides, added: "The main thing for the rest of the season is to consolidate down at Martin's and to help him. If I can't get the jockeys' championship I want to help him to retain the trainers' championship. That is my prime objective for the rest of the season."

The Warwick treble — the highlight of which was an impressive chasing debut by Honest Word — followed a four-timer by Pipe horses at Exeter on Monday, suggesting the Nicholashayne operation is firing on all cylinders after a virus-afflicted start to the season.

"Hopefully, it is a sign that we have turned the corner," Dunwoody added. "Martin has been very patient with the horses while they were ill, which can only have been the right thing to do."

Jodami, favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, has recovered from whatever was responsible for his below-par performance in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow a month ago, and is set to run in the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on Saturday week.

Peter Beaumont then intends to send his stable star to Leopardstown for the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup, which he won last year before going on to Cheltenham glory. His rivals could include Flashing Steel, trained by John Mulhern.

**RICHARD EVANS**

**Nap: HAWAII STORM**
(1.30 Wolverhampton)
**Next best: Simmie's Special**
(4.00 Wolverhampton)

ED BYRNE



Kevin O'Brien drives Atone to a decisive victory in The Ladbroke hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday

# Atone makes amends in Ladbroke

From Dick Hinder at Leopardstown

A MASTERPLAN hatched by Bunny Cox, the 68-year-old Dundalk trainer, paid off handsomely when Atone, a 10-1 chance, gained a resounding victory in The Ladbroke hurdle at Leopardstown on Saturday. Atone was a strong fancy for the same race last year but was badly hampered three times before finishing a close third to Glencloud and Kilcash.

Cox, a five-times former Irish champion amateur rider who bred and owns a half-share in Atone, immediately set about about recovering last year's losses. Rather than risk rising too high in the weights over hurdles this term, Cox gave Atone two outings in novice chases to get him fit and put the finishing touches to his preparation with an encouraging third over hurdles at Leopardstown on December 28 — after the Ladbroke weights were published.

The game plan was beautifully executed. Atone, brought wide in the 25-runner field by his confident jockey, Kevin O'Brien, took the lead off the fading British challenger, Land Afar, between the last two flights to win convincingly by 4½ lengths from Arctic Weather. With Judicial Field third and Derrymoyle fourth, Ireland celebrated a clean sweep.

Cox, who in the early 1950s rode consecutive National Hunt Chase winners at Cheltenham, is keen for Atone to put his chasing experience to good use and has earmarked the Arkle Trophy at the festival as his next major objective.

Robert Sinclair, a Belfast solicitor, owns the other half of Atone and described the victory as the best day of his life. He did not have a promising start as an owner as his first four horses were put down before seeing a racecourse.

But his brother-in-law, Homer Scott, persuaded him to persevere and saddled Rhythm Section to win the Cheltenham Festival Bumper for him last season. This talented horse, having recovered from a bout of coughing, has the same race as his target in March.

It was a bitterly disappointing result for the six-strong British team, who foundered in the stamina-sapping ground. Land Afar fared best, finishing tenth, after holding a clear advantage three flights out. His trainer, John Webber, has not given up thoughts of letting him take his chance in the Champion Hurdle.

Satin Lover, heavily backed to 4-1 favourite, was well placed at halfway and his rider, Graham McCourt, reported: "Everything was rosy. I followed Land Afar through and was second two flights out, but in two strides he was gone. He just didn't get home in the ground."

Peter Hedger was anxious about Kilcash, who retreated quickly after holding a prominent place early. He said: "Mark Richards told me he was happy with the horse's position but not the way he was moving. He was slightly lame behind after his Kempton run and it may have been a recurrence of that problem."

Trainer Michael O'Brien was delighted with the performance of the runner-up, Arctic Weather, and will challenge for the County Hurdle at the festival with him after a run in an Ir£20,000 handicap hurdle at Leopardstown on February 6.

Adrian Maguire, who switched to ride Judicial Field in the big race after Haydock was abandoned, did not leave Leopardstown empty-handed. He rode John Magnier's Buckboard Bounce to a commanding ten-length victory in the Tedcastles Oil Handicap Chase.

**BIG-RACE RESULT**

Going: soft

2.40 THE LADBROKE (Listed race: limited handicap hurdle: Ir£34,700: 2m) 1, ATONE (K O'Brien, 10-1); 2, Arctic Weather (T Horgan, 25-1); 3, Judicial Field (A Maguire, 10-1); 4, Derrymoyle (P Malone, 16-1) 4-1 fav Satin Lover. ALSO RAN: Time For A Run (5th), Thatch And Gold (6th). 25 ran. 4½l, 1l, 2l, 4½l. J R Cox in Ireland. Tote: £7.60; £2.10, £5.90, £2.60, £4.60. DF: £182.30. Trio: £2,133.80. CSF: £246.36. Tricast: £2,399.03.

# Ascot should heed voice of public opinion

Grass-root power is a potent weapon, ask Tim Yeo. Better still, ask Sir Nicholas Beaumont, Col Sir Piers Bengough, the Marquess of Hartington, and Malcolm Kimmins.

When the great and the good of Ascot racecourse decided recently to do away with the Queen Alexandra Stakes, run over 2¾ miles at the Royal meeting and replace it with a ten-furlong handicap, they genuinely believed it was a progressive move which would not create a ripple of protest.

Why should they have thought otherwise? The proposed change had been put before the National Trainers' Federation, which voted 11-1 in favour (the 11 have remained mysteriously quiet of late), and was even floated past the race planning department of the British Horseracing Board without a murmur of opposition.

It was only when the alteration was formally announced that the quartet found themselves exposed, rather like a corporate emperor with no clothes. The racing public, like the constituents of south Suffolk, is not easily roused from its usual torpor. However, the prospect of losing such an historic race, forever linked with the exploits of Brown Jack and Steve Donoghue, set the silent majority on the warpath.

Why scrap a much loved, traditional contest, one of only five run over 2½ miles or more on the Flat during the year, for the boring conformity of another run-of-the-mill, 1¼-mile handicap, of which there were nearly 200 last season?

Sir Nicholas Beaumont, Ascot's clerk of the course, made a valiant effort last week to take the steam out of the issue — by suggesting there was no steam. "Altogether, including letters to the trustees, we have had about six letters against the change and one for."

It might be considered impertinent to suggest that the lack of concern sometimes shown by Ascot to the racing public is not conducive to writing letters of complaint. Whatever the reason, one of racing's trade newspapers, *The Sporting Life*, routed Sir Nicholas in style on Saturday by printing the names of 800 people who have signed a petition of protest which has been in circulation for only a week. They include racegoers, owners, trainers, vets, breeders, journalists and even bookmakers.

Fortunately, the groundswell of opinion favouring reinstatement of the Queen Alexandra Stakes has not been lost on Sir Piers Bengough, Her Majesty's representative at Ascot, "Stoker" Hartington and Malcolm Kimmins, racecourse trustees, and, one suspects, Sir Nicholas himself.

I detect Ascot's collective mind is not closed on the issue. A change of heart is possible and, indeed, I would suggest it is a shade of odds-on that the Queen Alexandra Stakes will take place in its present form this June.

RICHARD EVANS



*Racing commentary*

Weather permitting, Ascot stages an excellent two-day National Hunt fixture on Friday and Saturday this week, and that would offer an ideal opportunity for Sir Nicholas and his colleagues to get together and reflect, reconsider — and announce a compromise.

If they are so keen to have ten-furlong handicap in the Royal Ascot programme, so be it. One race of that type staged during the five days would not go amiss, and it could form a seventh race at the end of one afternoon. Meanwhile, keep the Queen Alexandra Stakes.

Apart from the necessity of reversing their original decision, a change of heart would send out the right signals to a racing public increasingly alienated by lack of consumer care at the Queen's racecourse. And in the 1990s, whether or not Ascot likes it, punter power counts.

## WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

1.30 Hawaii Storm
2.00 Hershebar
2.30 **MIDNIGHT JAZZ** (nap)
3.00 Eurolink Dancer
3.30 Maz
4.00 Very Dicey

GOING: STANDARD — SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M 100YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 1.30 FLORIN APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,243: 7f) (12 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 101 | (1) | 53200-1 | ON Y VA 7 (CD,G,S) (Marriott Ltd) R Williams 7-10-1 (6ex) | Sarah Thompson (5) | [illegible] |
| 102 | (2) | 02505-4 | HAWAII STORM 7 (B,D,G,S) (Miss A Whitfield) Miss A Whitfield 6-9-10 | R Painter | 97 |
| 103 | (3) | 355000- | CELESTIAL CHOIR 77 (J Stanley) J Eyre 4-9-8 | M Humphries | 90 |
| 104 | (5) | 40/000-0 | OPEN AGENDA 7 (G Roberts) K White 5-9-9 | N Varley | 87 |
| 105 | (9) | 060000- | APPEALING TIMES 27 (B,D,G) (Miss N Thesiger) D Chapman 5-9-9 | L Aspell (5) | 90 |
| 106 | (7) | 33060-6 | HOY-LIEGH-RAG 9 (P Dodd) J Berry 4-9-7 | P Roberts (3) | 98 |
| 107 | (11) | 130000- | THE ORDINARY GIRL 10 (V,G) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 4-9-6 | P McCabe | 95 |
| 108 | (10) | 0/35350- | LADY ROXANNE 23 (V) (Lord Huntingdon) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-6 | J Wilkinson (5) | 96 |
| 109 | (6) | 5530- | RUPERT COURT 13 (G Baker) T Bacon 4-9-5 | Kimberley Hart (7) | 88 |
| 110 | (4) | 060/500- | MAD MYTTON 24J (B) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-9-4 | W Hawksley (7) | 84 |
| 111 | (8) | 00000-0 | TOP ONE 121 (F) (C Hill) C Hill 9-9-2 | G Strange (5) | 99 |
| 112 | (12) | 055400- | ARAWA 48 (M Tomer) D Marks 4-9-1 | M Baird (3) | 94 |

BETTING: 2-1 On Y Va, 7-2 Hawaii Storm, 6-1 Top One, 8-1 Arawa, 10-1 Appealing Times, 12-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING.

FORM FOCUS

ON Y VA beat Quinzii Martin ½l in 12-runner handicap over course and distance, with OPEN AGENDA (6lb better off) about 23½l 12th. HAWAII STORM 4¾l 4th of 12 to Lochore in handicap here (AW, 1m 110yd). HOY-LIEGH-RAG about 4l 6th of 15 to Speedy Classic in handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). LADY ROXANNE best effort last season when 4¾l 5th of 9 to Sandmoor Denim in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f), with ON Y VA (1lb worse off) ¼l 7th. RUPERT COURT 10¼l 7th of 11 to Assignment in claimer here (AW, 6f). TOP ONE about 8¾l 14th of 19 to Courting Newmarket in apprentices' handicap at Chepstow (6f 16yd, good) on penultimate start. ARAWA 13l 7th of 15 to Second Colours in handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f).
Selection: HAWAII STORM

### 2.00 HALF PENNY CLAIMING STAKES (£3,132: 6f) (13 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | (12) | 00065-5 | SO SUPERB 7 (B,S) (N Riddell) M Dods 5-9-6 | Dale Gibson | 80 |
| 202 | (3) | 660005- | HERSHEBAR 14 (V,D,G) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 4-9-4 | G Strange (7) | 84 |
| 203 | (4) | 065500- | BARSAL 27 (B) (B Hughes) J Parkes 4-9-2 | J Weaver | 79 |
| 204 | (13) | 403004- | CHOICE LOT 13 (B,F) (D Williams) A Jones 7-9-2 | L Dettori | 70 |
| 205 | (7) | 53540-0 | DAYJUZ 7 (V,F) (M Dods) M Dods 4-9-2 | S Webster | 65 |
| 206 | (8) | 005040- | GENTLE HERO 27 (V,D,F,G,S) (M O'Grady) M Naughton 8-9-2 | Paul Eddery | 84 |
| 207 | (5) | 000/040- | LIFE'S A BREEZE 208 (P Tacon) P Felgate 5-9-2 | P McCabe (5) | – |
| 208 | (1) | 00003-0 | GRAND TIME 9 (B,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 5-9-0 | J Quinn | 77 |
| 209 | (9) | 240000- | JORDYWRATH 70 (D,G) (D Chapman) D Chapman 4-9-0 | L Aspell (7) | 74 |
| 210 | (11) | 00000-0 | MAPLE BAY 7 (R Matthews) K White 5-9-0 | J Williams | – |
| 211 | (6) | 513615- | THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 26 (B,D,F,G) (E Goody) W G M Turner 3-8-10 | T Sprake | 96 |
| 212 | (2) | 6410R-6 | PALACEGATE JO 9 (D,G,S) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 3-8-1 | L Charnock | [illegible] |
| 213 | (10) | | MISS WUTS (Miss E Oats) A Bailey 3-7-13 | A Mackay | – |

BETTING: 7-2 Threepenny-Bridge, 4-1 Palacegate Jo, 6-1 Choice Lot, Dayjuz, 8-1 Gentle Hero, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SO SUPERB 7½l 5th of 13 to Samson-Agonistes in claimer here (AW, 5f) with DAYJUZ (6lb better off) 4l 9th. HERSHEBAR 3¾l 5th of 11 to Express Service in conditions race here (AW, 7f). CHOICE LOT 5½l 4th of 11 to Assignment in claimer over course and distance. GENTLE HERO 2½l 4th of 16 to Sense Of Priority in claimer at Southwell (AW, 6f) on penultimate start, with HERSHEBAR (1lb better off) 4½l 7th. LIFE'S A BREEZE 2l 4th of 16 to Rocky Bay in selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penultimate start.
THREEPENNY-BRIDGE beat Bold Alex 4l in 9-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. PALACEGATE JO 10l 8th of 14 to Sea Devil in claimer at Southwell (AW, 6f).
Selection: THREEPENNY-BRIDGE

### 2.30 FARTHING HANDICAP (£3,026: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | (4) | 000031- | MAD MILITANT 13 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 5-10-4 | L Dettori | 98 |
| 302 | (1) | 122-1 | MIDNIGHT JAZZ 8 (G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-9-12 (5ex) | Emma O'Gorman (3) | 97 |
| 303 | (3) | 450100- | LOBILIO 98 (D,F,G) (P Leonard) D Burchell 5-9-4 | R Price | [illegible] |
| 304 | (5) | 40052-1 | SLIGHT RISK 2 (B,G) (Mrs G Kelleway) P Kelleway 5-9-2 (5ex) | Paul Eddery | 97 |
| 305 | (2) | 20043-3 | TRUBEN 7 (B,D,F,G) (A Penman) M Johnston 5-8-13 | J Weaver | 98 |

BETTING: 2-1 Midnight Jazz, 5-2 Slight Risk, 3-1 Mad Militant, 6-1 Truben, 8-1 Lobilio.

FORM FOCUS

MAD MILITANT beat Elementary 4l in 9-runner handicap over course and distance. MIDNIGHT JAZZ beat Deskella ¾l in 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 3f). Previously 5l 2nd of 9 to Lochore in handicap here (AW, 1m 110yd). LOBILIO about 14½l 8th of 15 to Satety in Nunrbers in handicap at Ascot (2m 45yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. SLIGHT RISK beat Perlay 1½l in 6-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f) on Saturday. TRUBEN 7l 3rd of 7 to Hillzah in conditions race over course and distance.
Selection: MAD MILITANT (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W O'Gorman | 3 | 11 | 27.3 | J Weaver | 4 | 19 | 21.1 |
| M Johnston | 4 | 20 | 20.0 | A Clark | 6 | 36 | 16.7 |
| Lord Huntingdon | 3 | 18 | 16.7 | Dale Gibson | 6 | 38 | 15.8 |
| J Berry | 13 | 103 | 12.6 | M Hills | 6 | 39 | 15.4 |
| P Evans | 6 | 57 | 10.5 | L Dettori | 9 | 60 | 15.0 |
| Only qualifiers | | | | T Quinn | 8 | 54 | 14.8 |

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### 3.00 HALF CROWN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,465: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 401 | (3) | 40/3020- | BLOWEDIFIKNOW 73 (B) (Hickling and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 4-8-11 | A Clark | 86 |
| 402 | (7) | 50/ | BLUSHING DORA 1995 (Mrs G Harrison) M Eckley 8-8-11 | D Biggs | – |
| 403 | (2) | 320/210- | FORGETFUL 28J (D Burchell) D Burchell 5-8-11 | R Price | 68 |
| 404 | (12) | 080000- | M'BEBE 10 (V) (J Naughton) D Thom 4-8-11 | N Carlisle | – |
| 405 | (5) | 5-2 | OLYMPIC WAY 9 (D Stokes) W G M Turner 5-8-11 | P McCabe (5) | 85 |
| 406 | (4) | 00- | ON THE LEDGE 42 (J Hawkes) J Hills 4-8-11 | M Hills | 60 |
| 407 | (10) | 00000-0 | ARRASAS LADY 9 (Mrs O Foster) J Long 4-8-6 | D Wright (5) | – |
| 408 | (6) | | EUROLINK DANCER (Eurolink Group Plc) D Loder 4-8-6 | L Dettori | – |
| 409 | (8) | 0/5230- | KARDELLE 111 (Group 1 Racing (1993) Ltd) M Charles 4-8-6 | J Williams | [illegible] |
| 410 | (9) | 05/060-6 | MELISIO 9 (B) (D Major) C Wildman 4-8-6 | C Rutter | 63 |
| 411 | (1) | 000- | MISS IN-A-BIT 58 (The Nags Head) N Smith 4-8-6 | M Fenton (3) | – |
| 412 | (11) | 060560- | TRANQUIL LADY 63 (F McKevitt) E Alston 4-8-6 | J Quinn | 85 |

BETTING: 11-4 Olympic Way, 3-1 Kardelle, 4-1 Eurolink Dancer, 7-1 Tranquil Lady, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BLOWEDIFIKNOW 5l 7th of 21 to Master Beveled in handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good). FORGETFUL 4l 2nd of 7 to Civil Law in claimer at Southwell (1m 4l, good) on penultimate start. OLYMPIC WAY neck 2nd of 9 to Sharp Sensation in maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f). KARDELLE 5½l 3rd of 6 to Tree Of Life in maiden at Ripon (1m 4f, good to firm). TRANQUIL LADY 12l 8th of 17 to Malenoir in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 6f).
Selection: KARDELLE

### 3.30 SHILLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 100yd) (9 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | (2) | 630043- | DRAGON MAN 25 (M Wickers) P Haslam 9-7 | J Weaver | 97 |
| 502 | (4) | 00505-1 | MAZ 9 (G) (A Bailey) A Bailey 9-6 | A Mackay | 90 |
| 503 | (3) | 0006- | GOLD'N SHROUD 14 (N Fyfe) T Thomson Jones 9-4 | W Newnes | 96 |
| 504 | (8) | 003004- | KILLING TIME 25 (T Forbes) A Forbes 9-2 | S D Williams | [illegible] |
| 505 | (1) | 600050- | COLONEL SINCLAIR 25 (Sinclair Developments Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0 | A Garth (5) | 87 |
| 506 | (6) | 5040- | FORESTA VERDE 27 (B) (C Booth) C Booth 8-12 | L Charnock | 86 |
| 507 | (9) | 0500- | JUST DUGGIE 55 (T Morris) R Brotherton 8-11 | N Adams | 94 |
| 508 | (5) | 00006-4 | MILLY'S PET 9 (C Hill) C Hill 8-9 | J Quinn | 87 |
| 509 | (7) | 00004-4 | LONE RISK 7 (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 8-5 | G Bardwell | 98 |

BETTING: 8-4 Maz, 9-2 Lone Risk, 5-1 Milly's Pet, 6-1 Dragon Man, 8-1 Gold'n Shroud, 10-1 Killing Time, 16-1 Foresta Verde, 25-1 Just Duggie, 33-1 Colonel Sinclair.

FORM FOCUS

DRAGON MAN 10½l 3rd of 13 to Collector General in claimer at Southwell (AW, 1m), with MILLY'S PET (11lb better off) 3½l 6th. MAZ beat Captain Carat 3½l in 6-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f), with MILLY'S PET (6lb better off) 1¾l 4th. KILLING TIME about 5l 4th of 10 to Tsarina in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 7f). FORESTA VERDE about 10¾l 4th of 10 to Duball Remy in maiden at Southwell (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. LONE RISK 11l 4th of 13 to Magic Junction in claimer over course and distance.
Selection: MAZ

### 4.00 SIXPENCE HANDICAP (£2,951: 5f) (12 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 601 | (5) | 20160-1 | SAMSON-AGONISTES 7 (CD,F,G,S) (J Wilcox) P Evans 8-10-7 (7ex) | A Clark | 90 |
| 602 | (8) | 350/4-3 | CROFT IMPERIAL 9 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Matthews) M Johnston 7-9-11 | J Weaver | 95 |
| 603 | (4) | 642914- | VERY DICEY 10 (D,F,G) (Joint Venture Racing) J Berry 6-9-11 | T Quinn | 93 |
| 604 | (10) | 058131- | NOT SO GENEROUS 20 (CD,F,G) (E Goody) W G M Turner 4-9-10 | P McCabe (5) | 98 |
| 605 | (12) | 055240- | PALLIUM 25 (V,CD,F,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 6-9-7 | Paul Eddery | 93 |
| 606 | (11) | 600000- | TRIOMING 42 (D,F) (A King) A Jones 8-8-10 | Dale Gibson | 90 |
| 607 | (7) | 00103-3 | SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7 (B,D,BF,G,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 6-8-10 | L Dettori | [illegible] |
| 608 | (6) | 0440/1- | INDY EXPRESS 25 (D,G) (A Edmondson) A Hambly 6-8-8 | J O'Reilly | 91 |
| 609 | (9) | 49009-5 | HINARI VIDEO 9 (D,G,S) (M Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 9-8-5 | T Williams | 94 |
| 610 | (2) | 40062-0 | KALAR 9 (B,D,F,G) (E Stockdale) D Chapman 5-8-4 | Claire Balding (7) | 92 |
| 611 | (1) | 03000-0 | LAST STRAW 7 (B,D,G) (Martin Pound Racing Ltd) A James 6-7-13 | J Quinn | 85 |
| 612 | (3) | 52300-0 | FARNDALE 8 (J Hulme) B Morgan 7-7-10 | G Bardwell | 89 |

BETTING: 4-1 Not So Generous, 9-2 Simmie's Special, 5-1 Samson-Agonistes, 11-2 Very Dicey, 6-1 Croft Imperial, Pallium, 12-1 Hinari Video, 14-1 Kalar, 16-1 Indy Express, 20-1 Farndale, Last Straw, 25-1 Trioming.

FORM FOCUS

SAMSON-AGONISTES beat Assignment 2l in 13-runner claimer over course and distance, with SIMMIE'S SPECIAL (14lb better off) head 3rd. CROFT IMPERIAL ¾l 3rd of 16 to Speedy Classic in handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f), with KALAR 11l 14th.
VERY DICEY beat Sir Tasker 1½l in 17-runner claimer at Southwell (AW, 5f) on penultimate start with PALLIUM (6lb better off) 1l 4th. NOT SO GENEROUS beat Batting Belle 2l in 10-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f). INDY EXPRESS beat KALAR (9lb better off) 1½l in 17-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 5f).
Selection: SIMMIE'S SPECIAL

☐ Richard Muddle, managing director of Wolverhampton racecourse, was pleased by the size of the crowd at Saturday's meeting, the first floodlit evening race meeting in Britain. "You always aim for 5,000 but we've made a good start and I'm delighted with a crowd of over 3,500," he said. The track's finance director, Andrew Derry, said: "I had budgeted on 2,000 people and to get this figure on a wet night in January is very satisfying. Once you get people coming here, they'll be back."

# No respite as rain sweeps in

RACING continues to be hit by the weather despite the weekend rise in temperatures. Lingfield Park's National Hunt turf programme scheduled for today was called off on Saturday because of waterlogging, although the two all-weather fixtures, at Wolverhampton, on the Flat, and Southwell, over jumps, report no problems.

The meeting at Leicester tomorrow was abandoned yesterday as the track is waterlogged, and tomorrow's other turf meeting, at Chepstow, is in doubt. There will be an 8am inspection today although Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "With more rain forecast tonight, prospects can't be considered particularly hopeful."

There are also doubts about Wednesday's meetings at Kelso (frozen) and Plumpton (waterlogged). Ascot's meeting on Friday and Saturday will be threatened if there is more rain. Newcastle, also scheduled to race on Saturday, is currently unraceable due to waterlogging.

## LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Days since win | Level stakes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs M Reveley | 53 | 42 | 29 | 24 | -1.04 |
| K Bailey | 46 | 29 | 25 | 6 | -1.53 |
| M Pipe | 45 | 42 | 21 | 1 | -11.27 |
| N Twiston-Davies | 40 | 27 | 24 | 5 | -27.26 |
| D Nicholson | 39 | 30 | 22 | 6 | +11.34 |
| P Hobbs | 33 | 20 | 23 | 19 | +106.21 |
| J White | 32 | 19 | 20 | 50 | -42.37 |
| J Johnson | 27 | 12 | 9 | 2 | +108.51 |
| O Sherwood | 27 | 17 | 15 | 8 | +11.79 |
| G Richards | 24 | 22 | 20 | 10 | -62.69 |
| M Hammond | 22 | 26 | 15 | 2 | -59.54 |
| J Gifford | 20 | 23 | 14 | 10 | -24.16 |

JOCKEYS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Losing sequence | Level stakes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A Maguire | 110 | 75 | 53 | 2 | +69.58 |
| R Dunwoody | 70 | 77 | 54 | 2 | -112.83 |
| J Osborne | 55 | 41 | 36 | 2 | -46.01 |
| N Williamson | 50 | 55 | 37 | 32 | -63.38 |
| P Niven | 49 | 41 | 29 | 15 | -47.14 |
| G McCourt | 40 | 31 | 25 | 1 | +0.13 |
| M A Fitzgerald | 37 | 31 | 37 | 6 | -53.36 |
| D Murphy | 31 | 27 | 22 | 9 | -15.58 |
| G Bradley | 29 | 10 | 15 | 8 | +6.32 |
| L Wyer | 28 | 18 | 23 | 1 | +30.06 |
| C Llewellyn | 25 | 24 | 19 | 3 | -81.56 |
| D Bridgwater | 25 | 19 | 20 | 2 | -55.31 |

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Wolverhampton: 1.30 Hawaii Storm. 2.00 Barsal, Dayjuz, Grand Time. 2.30 Truben. 3.00 M'Bebe, Melisio.

## SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.45 Celcius. 1.15 Saskia's Hero. 1.45 Mr Geneaology. 2.15 Allegation. 2.45 Baltic Exchange. 3.15 Doualago. 3.45 Creag Dhubh.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 ALLEGATION.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS

### 12.45 FIBRESAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,692: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | -023 | MIZYAN 14 (C,G) J Banks 6-12-0 | J Twomey (5) | 97 |
| 2 | 532F | HAVE A NIGHTCAP 5 (CD,G,S) J Harris 5-11-1 | D Gallagher | [illegible] |
| 3 | 1541 | COURT CIRCULAR 12 (V,CD,F,G) W Clay 5-11-0 | Diane Clay | 98 |
| 4 | 31-P | RIMOUSKI 7 (G) B Cambidge 6-10-9 | Mr J Cambidge | 93 |
| 5 | 1113 | CELCIUS 11 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-10-9 | R Dunwoody | 94 |

2-1 Mizyan, 3-1 Court Circular, 4-1 Celcius, Have A Nightcap, 8-1 Rimouski.

### 1.15 ALL WEATHER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,722: 2m) (4)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1U22 | EXPLOSIVE SPEED 45 (D,F,G) M Hammond 6-12-0 | D Bentley (5) | 88 |
| 2 | 2P-5 | MRS JAWLEYFORD 6F (CD,G,S) C Smith 6-11-6 | M Ranger | 95 |
| 3 | 0-25 | SASKIA'S HERO 40 (D,BF,G,S) J Bottomley 7-10-7 | D Byrne | [illegible] |
| 4 | 2U54 | REGAL ROMPER 21 (D,G) Mrs S Smith 6-10-3 | R Guest | 99 |

7-4 Mrs Jawleyford, 2-1 Explosive Speed, 4-1 Saskia's Hero, 5-1 Regal Romper

### 1.45 DAM BUSTERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,784: 2m) (4)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1115 | MR GENEAOLOGY 65 (B,D,BF,F,G) J White 4-12-0 | A Maguire | 86 |
| 2 | 2131 | OCTOBER BREW 7 (B,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-13 (7ex) | R Dunwoody | 86 |
| 3 | 01U1 | TOUCH SILVER 10 (D,S) H Manners 4-10-5 | M Bosley | [illegible] |
| 4 | P4-6 | PESSOA 14 Mrs S Smith 7-10-3 | R Guest | 93 |

6-4 October Brew, 2-1 Mr Geneaology, 3-1 Touch Silver, 6-1 Pessoa.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs V Aconley, 8 winners from 25 runners, 32.0%. J Banks, 5 from 17, 29.4%. M Pipe, 15 from 57, 26.3%; J White, 3 from 12, 25.0%. R Hollinshead, 22 from 99, 22.2%. W Clay, 15 from 78, 19.2%

JOCKEYS: S Mason, 6 winners from 10 rides, 60.0%. Diane Clay, 21 from 53, 39.6%; C Woodall, 4 from 14, 28.6%. A Maguire, 12 from 52, 23.1%; J Osborne, 5 from 22, 22.7%; P McDermott, 3 from 21, 14.3%

### 2.15 SUBMERGED NOVICES HURDLE (£1,676: 2m 6f) (4)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | F44U | HICKELTON HOUSE 5 Miss G Kelleway 10-11-4 | A Maguire | 86 |
| 2 | 3221 | ALLEGATION 31 (V,G) M Pipe 4-10-13 | R Dunwoody | [illegible] |
| 3 | -040 | MALVERN MADAM 23 Mrs S Smith 7-10-13 | DOUBTFUL | 82 |
| 4 | 660P | NO SHOW 41 (B) R Juckes 4-10-7 | W Humphreys | 72 |

4-5 Allegation, 4-1 Malvern Madam, 8-1 No Show, 10-1 Hickelton House.

### 2.45 BOOKMAKER'S DELIGHT MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,938: 2m 2f) (6)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 23F3 | ARCTIC LIFE 10 J Jenkins 5-11-5 | A Maguire | 94 |
| 2 | 0P | BALTIC EXCHANGE 68 (BF) M Pipe 5-11-5 | R Dunwoody | – |
| 3 | 4364 | ON CUE 30 (B) M Chapman 7-11-5 | W Worthington | 94 |
| 4 | 6P | RITA'S RISK 14 R Spicer 5-11-5 | J Ryan | – |
| 5 | 2-32 | YAAKUM 5 J Banks 5-11-5 | J Twomey (5) | [illegible] |
| 6 | P05F | ABSOLUTLEY FOXED 25 B McMahon 5-11-0 | T Wall | 86 |

6-4 Yaakum, 7-4 Baltic Exchange, 5-1 Arctic Life, 10-1 Absolutley Foxed, 20-1 On Cue, Rita's Risk.

### 3.15 NOAH'S ARK SELLING HURDLE (£1,799: 2m 6f) (12)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 42-0 | HARPLEY 35 (V,G,S) R Juckes 7-12-4 | N Juckes (7) | 88 |
| 2 | 323F | DOUALAGO 5 (B,BF,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-7 | R Dunwoody | 91 |
| 3 | -005 | NORTHERN OPTIMIST 38 (F) B Llewellyn 5-11-6 | Mr J L Llewellyn (7) | 98 |
| 4 | 4-4U | SMARTIE LEE 54 (G) J White 7-11-6 | P McLoughlin (7) | [illegible] |
| 5 | -0P0 | HAUT-BRION 55 Mrs S Smith 5-11-4 | R Guest | – |
| 6 | -342 | TESEKKUREDERIM 5 W Clay 7-11-4 | Diane Clay | 94 |
| 7 | 50P5 | THANKSFORTHEOFFER 11 (V) T Jones 6-11-4 | P McDermott | 82 |
| 8 | 3-63 | TRENTSIDE MIST 7 C Smith 6-11-4 | M Ranger | 84 |
| 9 | 3465 | FILM LIGHTING GIRL 45 J Harris 8-10-13 | A Maguire | 94 |
| 10 | 06/ | MALAQUETTE 1946 J Norton 12-10-13 | P Harley | – |
| 11 | 0532 | BOLD STAR 12 (B) R Hollinshead 4-10-7 | J Osborne | 89 |
| 12 | 5 | BOMAR BRIDGE 10 (H) K Burke 4-10-7 | N Williamson | – |

6-4 Doualago, 4-1 Smartie Lee, 6-1 Bold Star, 7-1 Film Lighting Girl, 8-1 Tesekkurederim, 10-1 Trentside Mist, 12-1 Harpley, 14-1 others.

### 3.45 SEVENTH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,784: 2m) (10)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0-4 | CREAG DHUBH 65 M Pipe 5-11-7 | T Dascombe (7) | – |
| 2 | 65 | GARLAND OF GOLD 51 M Chapman 5-11-7 | R Davis (3) | – |
| 3 | | RAJAH'S FANDANGO (B) W Clay 5-11-7 | Mr B Leavy | – |
| 4 | | SCOTCH 'N IRISH Mrs S Smith 5-11-7 | D Towler (7) | – |
| 5 | | STANLEY HOUSE Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-7 | Mr Chris Wilson | – |
| 6 | | DANCING BAREFOOT R Weaver 5-11-2 | P McLoughlin (7) | – |
| 7 | | BENS BIG BROTHER R Juckes 4-10-11 | N Juckes (7) | – |
| 8 | | CREST Mrs V Aconley 4-10-11 | C Woodall (7) | – |
| 9 | | NORMAN'S CONVINCED M Pipe 4-10-11 | L Reynolds (7) | – |
| 10 | | HANDMAIDEN M Carracho 4-10-6 | S Mason (7) | – |

2-1 Creag Dhubh, 3-1 Norman's Convinced, 5-1 Dancing Barefoot, 6-1 Rajah's Fandango, 7-1 Scotch 'n Irish, 8-1 Handmaiden, 12-1 others.

## RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

### Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.55 (1m 2f) 1, Rave-On-Hadley (W Hawksley, 20-1); 2, Jeroboam (11-1); 3, Awesome Power (5-4 fav). 14 ran. 2l, 4l. A Bailey. Tote: £29.90; £4.30, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £135.60. CSF: £209.89.

1.25 (1m 2f) 1, Success Story (L Dettori, 11-4 fav); 2, Dawn Rock (33-1); 3, Grove Primrose (6-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 1½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £11.30, £2.60. DF: £107.70. CSF: £80.51.

1.55 (1m 4f) 1, Slight Risk (Paul Eddery, 7-2); 2, Perlay (11-4 fav); 3, Elementary (9-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. P Kelleway. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £9.30. CSF: £12.51.

2.30 (5f) 1, Rocketeer (Kim McDonnell, 3-1); 2, Name The Tune (9-1); 3, Random (9-2). Muzz 7-4 fav. 6 ran. 3½l, hd. W Muir. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £3.20. DF: £19.00. CSF: £22.28.

3.00 (6f) 1, Agwa (D Biggs, 11-8); 2, Petraco (11-10 fav); 3, Courting Newmarket (5-1). 4 ran. NR: Apollo Red. 4l, 5l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.22.

3.35 (1m) 1, Sarum (C Rutter, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Can Can Charlie (12-1); 3, Luckman Style (14-1). Brooks Express 3-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, 4l. C Wildman. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £3.10, £3.90. DF: £13.50. Trio: £86.90. CSF: £36.00. Tricast: £405.22.

Jackpot: £5,778.40 (0.39 winning tickets. Pool of £4,964.80 carried forward to Wolverhampton today).

Placepot: £63.40.

### Warwick

12.40 1, Ima Delight (15-2); 2, Djebel Prince (2-1 fav); 3, Noble Yeoman (4-1). 9 ran.

1.10 1, Prerogative (2-1 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Jasper One (50-1); 3, Absolutely Average (33-1). 15 ran.

1.40 1, Honest Word (2-1 fav); 2, Comedy Spy (8-1); 3, Knave Of Clubs (14-1). 11 ran. NR: South Stack.

2.10 1, Gay Ruffian (6-5); 2, Rufus (10-1); 3, Ru Valentino (16-1). Midnight Caller 11-10 fav. 4 ran.

2.40 1, Bollin Magdalene (4-1); 2, Surcoat (6-1); 3, Zealous Kitten (15-8 fav). 7 ran.

3.10 1, L'Uomo Piu (7-1); 2, Dr Rockel (13-2); 3, Kibreet (7-2). Mega Blue 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

3.40 1, Princethorpe (14-1); 2, Master Murphy (13-2); 3, Basilicus (6-1). Trooping 7-2 fav. 12 ran. NR: Alice Smith.

### Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Milngavie (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Allmosa (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Arc Bright (4-1 jt-fav). 9 ran.

7.25 1, Jon's Choice (33-1); 2, Dream Carrier (11-8 fav); 3, Distant Dynasty (33-1). 11 ran.

7.50 1, Espla (11-1); 2, Floral Spark (8-1); 3, Tread The Boards (20-1). Roving Minstrel Evens fav. 13 ran.

8.20 1, Ashgore (6-4 fav); 2, Pageboy (7-1); 3, Palsy Grimes (5-1). 7 ran.

8.50 1, Peak District (12-1); 2, Awestruck (6-1); 3, Nordross (33-1). Ann Hill 6-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: Acanthus.

9.20 1, Marowins (9-4); 2, Eastleigh (13-2); 3, Mentalasanythin (2-1 fav). 6 ran.

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# Sutton promises stable future at Carrow Road


Sutton: assertive

WITH head and foot, Chris Sutton has emerged as the prime asset, second in value only to the Carrow Road stadium, in stabilising Norwich City after the departure of Mike Walker, their manager. The tall centre forward, not yet 21, scored both goals as Norwich came away from Wycombe Wanderers with a comfortable 2-0 victory in the FA Cup on Saturday.

More than that, Sutton's display — ever willing to take and shield the ball, to bring others into play, to be brave and assertive in accepting one chance with his forehead and one with his right foot — were the properties of a striker coveted throughout the land. Everton, particularly, are in dire need of such a player and rumour already has it that Walker is talking to his new board in terms of a £3 million offer to tempt Norwich to sell.

Sutton, however, was as assertive off the field as he had been on it. He reiterated that he was "very, very happy" at Norwich, which was why he signed a three-year contract less than a month ago. He also spelled out his belief that it is players rather than managers who win matches, that Norwich have something good "so long as no player leaves" and that those in the dressing-room hope John Deehan, their coach, is promoted to sustain the harmony.

As a cup-tie, the match lacked the primitive elements that help underdogs devour superior teams. This, in its way, is a compliment to Wycombe. Martin O'Neill, also a former Norwich player, has built the team not to hack, kick or drag anybody down into the mud but to play the neat, articulate football of his schooling. In addition, the move Wycombe took, from the sloping pitch at Loakes Park to a pristine, purpose-built small stadium on the outskirts of the town, meant that there was nothing by way of hardship to disconcert Norwich.

Through the mist, it soon became

**Rob Hughes** witnesses substantial evidence of life at Norwich City after the exit of Mike Walker

apparent the key contest was between Sutton and Evans — at 6ft 4in and 15st, a dominating centre half at third division level. Yet muscle and might would not deter Sutton; he has, after all, seen off Matthäus in Munich and Bergomi in Milan. So Evans, at £25,000, representing half the outlay of the Wycombe team, was shown to lack the pace, concentration and reach to prevent Sutton from purloining his goals in the 38th and 87th minutes.

Between them, Wycombe seriously threatened only once, when Guppy, their left winger, outpaced Newman and centred low for Carroll to test the reflexes of Gunn with a sharp volley. Before and after that, Hyde had been the acrobat, stretching high and low, left and right, to keep Norwich out.

Yet Wycombe had played with sufficient calm and well-intentioned composure to completely belie that they were a non-league outfit barely six months ago. Their most authoritative player had been Steve Thompson, 30, still serving as a corporal in the RAF and a part-time director-general of his team on the field.

Wycombe had no finisher, having sold Keith Scott, their prolific scorer, to Swindon Town. Norwich had Sutton. "The main thing today was that we got behind John Deehan," Sutton said. "Obviously, he's been especially good for me, the ideal bloke because he scored goals for Norwich, too. Every one of us hopes the club will promote from within and, as long as the players stay together, there is no reason why we won't be successful."

Sutton was joined by Gunn, the Norwich goalkeeper, in stressing that the team felt that Deehan, who has done most of the coaching at Carrow Road, should be given the opportunity to keep the spirit flowing. Deehan, a former England youth and under-21 player and, at present, the England under-21 coach, left nobody in any doubt. "I've been told to take charge for an indeterminate period. It could be four days or four years," he said.

"I hope there will be an appointment soon because players, like everyone else, respond to having authority. While there's doubt, there'll always be grey areas, but the players have conducted themselves admirably and I would love the job of taking them forward."

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (4-4-2): P Hyde — J Cousins, T Evans, M Crossley, S Stapleton — D Carroll, K Ryan, S Thompson, S Guppy — L Hodges (sub: T Langford, 69min), T Hemmings (sub: D Horton, 77).
NORWICH CITY (1-3-4-2): B Gunn — I Culverhouse — R Newman, I Butterworth, C Woodthorpe — R Fox, I Crook, G Megson (sub: D Smith, 58), M Bowen — C Sutton, E Ekoku (sub: R Ullathorne, 69).
Referee: P Vanes.

## Brissett shows Tottenham the way to finish

Peterborough United ..... 1
Tottenham Hotspur ..... 1

BY DAVID MILLER

CONSIDERING the four and even five thousand pounds a week that some of them are paid, Tottenham Hotspur were a picture of abject ineptitude in this FA Cup third-round tie on Saturday. There was over-elaboration in midfield, feeble shooting — notably by Dozzell and Anderton — and inexcusably poor defensive judgment against inferior opponents.

Were Dozzell, an inflationary purchase from Ipswich Town, still at school, the headmaster would make him write one hundred lines: "I am not as good as I think I am." And then bring him back after lunch every day for two hours' shooting practice. That was the way those who could *really* play, such as Law or Platini, learnt their skills, and I used to watch them practice.

Instead, it was left to Brissett, a fleet-footed but unwanted refugee from Arsenal, to show Tottenham how it should be done. He struck a perfect shot from an acute angle in the 62nd minute, coming in behind Kerslake to meet a long, dipping cross from Adcock, to deservedly put Peterborough ahead.

There were only a few minutes remaining when Dozzell belatedly made amends with a header from Anderton's cross to earn Tottenham a replay, although, in a frenzied last quarter of an hour, either side could have made sure of a place in the fourth round.

Peterborough's largest crowd for 13 years, 19,169, had not known such excitement since the grand old FA Cup fighting days of Terry Bly. The excitement, and Tottenham's embarrassment, was more than they had dared to expect, sitting forlornly on the bottom of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, without a win in ten matches and with a recently-appointed new manager.

So in command were Tottenham in the first half that the embarrassment was then all Peterborough's. They looked their class, confined to hopeful hoofing. Only Brissett, occasionally troubling Kerslake, offered a threat. But when Bradshaw, a journeyman central defender, had to go off injured in the 37th minute, Peterborough sent out Charlery, an attacker, switching Green to defence and Adcock from attack to midfield.

Chris Turner, their manager, gave his players an uncomplimentary piece of his mind at half-time, though without noticeable effect until Iorfa, a willowy member of Nigeria's World Cup final squad, replaced Phillipskirk in the 55th minute. Immediately, with Iofa running uninhibitedly at Tottenham's prosaic defence, Peterborough took wing, and Brissett's goal reflected the new mood.

Tottenham attempted, as though vainly recalling their history, to play rather than pound their way out of crisis. Yet Samways, Caskey, Hazard and Barmby are four of a kind — neat, but too often without vision, hitting the ball to feet, feet, feet, seldom looking for the longer ball. Peterborough were increasingly looking safe.

"We were playing well until two or three matches ago," Ossie Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, said afterwards in defence of his side, "but with one or two bad results, our confidence is suffering. There is no equilibrium between the short and long game."

Ardiles is guiding Tottenham on classic Anglo-Argentine lines, but some of his players have less than classic technique and were lucky to escape. From the manager's whimsical smile, you could detect that he knew it.

PETERBOROUGH: UNITED (4-4-2): P Barber — D McDonald, D Bradshaw (sub: K Charlery, 35min), S Welsh, I Carter — C Greenman, D Kruszynski, M Ebdon, J Brissett — T Adcock, T Phillipskirk (sub: D Iorfa, 55).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): E Thorstvedt — D Karsteles, C Calderwood, S Sedgley, J Edinburgh — M Hazard, V Samways, D Caskey, N Barmby (sub: S Campbell, 73) — D Anderton, J Dozzell.
Referee: B Bigger.

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## Bergara sees beliefs vindicated

# Preece adds polish as Stockport's gems fashion upset

Stockport County ..... 2
Queens Park Rangers ... 1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

DANNY Bergara, born in Uruguay, played in Spain, managing in England, wants respect. For his beliefs, his players, his team: in any order. At Edgeley Park on Saturday, with victory over Queens Park Rangers, of the FA Carling Premiership, he and Stockport County earned recognition on a scale usually reserved for national heroes.

It was not so much an FA Cup third-round upset, more a vindication of Bergara's conviction that the beautiful game alone has no place in English football. Yet marry it to the best domestic attributes — strength, determination and the will to overcome adversity — and a potent brew emerges. Mix craft and graft and reap the rewards.

"When I came to this country 20 years ago, my dream was to combine English organisation, spirit and guts with South American skill," he said. "If you want to be successful, you can't have one without the other. You have to have players who can kick a bit, especially at the back.

"I don't want players doing nutmegs when they're in danger in their own area. When they're under pressure, they should get rid of it, like Bruce and Pallister do at Manchester United. But when you get into the opponents' half, that's when you play."

Bergara, 51, a player with Real Mallorca, Sevilla and Tenerife, has graduated through the coaching ranks with Luton Town, Brunei, Sheffield United and the England youth team. Rochdale enjoyed a brief revival under his Latin influence and Stockport have profited from three Wembley finals — one in the old third division play-offs, two in the Autoglass Trophy — during his tenancy. Though losers on each occasion, the Cheshire club refuses to dwell on what might have been and continues to push for success in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. They lie third in the table.

But while Bergara views the blending of power and panache as a necessity when reaching professional level, it alarms him to see the suppression of finesse and flair in those so young: "Kids are not allowed to develop naturally nowadays," he said. "They grow big hearts and lungs but have no technique. You should allow a diamond to form, cut it


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out, polish it ... and then maybe sell it for £2 million."

Kevin Francis, a 6ft 7in skyscraper of a striker, is Bergara's gem, a £60,000 buy from Derby County. He scored 39 goals last season — surprisingly, fewer than half with his head — and now has 17. He is the fastest player at the club over 40 yards and offers a gangly, awkward target for anybody trying to mark him, as Peacock, the Rangers centre back, will testify.

Francis often appears more suited to basketball or perhaps employment outside football. "If I ever need my guttering fixed, I'll give him a call," Ray Wilkins, the Rangers captain, said. Apart from his height, though, he relies on basic instincts. Bergara said: "He is unique but he is not Pelé. I say to him to keep it simple. To knock it on, get in the box and cause problems. Do what you are good at; don't try to be anyone else."

Andy Preece, 6ft 2in, £10,000 from Wrexham and 20 goals this season, is Bergara's other precious stone. After Francis's equaliser — tinged with controversy as Barras, his team-mate, lay injured in an offside position — Preece swept in a 74th-minute volley to give Stockport their first appearance in the fourth round for 29 years.

It was achieved in a manner that produced a huge beam across Bergara's weather-beaten face, with his English becoming increasingly fractured as the passion and pride swelled from within. It was a display of style when allowed and force when required. "That proves we're not just a kick-and-rush team," he said.

Rangers, ahead through Barker's precise strike in the twentieth minute, barely deserved a replay. "It was Stockport's big day and we always knew we would have to dig in and battle," Gerry Francis, the Rangers manager, said. "We should have been able to cope but didn't."

Francis headed off, dignified in defeat, to pursue Rangers' slim hopes of qualifying for Europe and perhaps a place in the future England hierarchy. Bergara was already concentrating on an Autoglass assignation with Scunthorpe United tomorrow. Still scheming, still dreaming.

STOCKPORT COUNTY (5-3-2): N Edwards — L Todd, A Barras, D Miller, M Flynn, M Wallace — D Frain, P Ward, C Beaumont — A Preece, K Francis.
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-1-3-2): J Stejskal (sub: A Roberts, 12min) — D Bardsley, D Peacock, S Yates, C Wilson — R Wilkins — T Sinclair (sub: A Impey, 67), S Barker, M Meaker — L Ferdinand, G Penrice.
Referee: J Key.

SIMON BELLIS

Francis, the Stockport striker, celebrates after scoring the equalising goal against Queens Park Rangers

# Bolton hand Walker early insight into Everton flaws

Bolton Wanderers ..... 1
Everton ..... 1

BY PETER BALL

MIKE Walker will now have no illusions about the extent of his task at Everton, but at least he knows there is nothing wrong with his new team's spirit. In spite of playing for the last half-hour with ten men, Everton hung on by the skin of their teeth to earn a draw at Burnden Park on Saturday and give their new manager an unbeaten start.

The result was poor reward for Bolton, however, as Walker tacitly conceded when he said: "We're just happy to still be in the Cup". His actions told the same story. Initially, he held a watching brief, sitting impassively on the bench to provide a striking contrast to his opposite number, Bruce Rioch, whose gyrations among the Bolton contingent provided a sideshow at times more rivetting than the events on centre stage.

Yet as the pressure mounted in the second half, Walker too became animated. "When I got here today, I wasn't going to get involved," he said, "but I did." By the final stages, he was off the bench gesticulating and shouting as Everton flirted with disaster.

"We showed tremendous character to get a draw," Walker said. "There was the fighting quality we will need. We gave away a bad goal and then there was the sending off, so we had to play for half an hour with ten men, so all I'm pleased about is that the lads didn't feel sorry for themselves but kept scrapping."

However, if the team's fighting quality was unquestioned, too much so in the case of Horne, who floored McAteer with a backhander that would have pleased any aspiring boxer, the lack of quality was unlikely to impress someone used to watching Norwich City. Rideout took his goal well to show just how much Everton's diminutive attackers have missed his presence in recent weeks and, at the back, Ablett and Jackson performed admirably, but, in the end, Southall and the woodwork did most to keep Everton in the competition.

Bolton deserved better, playing most of the composed football, but they missed some good chances and a pitch the consistency of treacle pudding did nothing to help them.

"The pitch was a disgrace considering the time of year," Rideout said. "It ruined the whole game." That was an overstatement, the final stages developing into a good, old-fashioned, blood-and-thunder cup-tie as Bolton put Everton's ten men under unceasing pressure.

There have been suggestions of fallibility from Neville Southall recently, but on Saturday he stood between his team and an untimely exit, with one reflex save from a Brown header worthy to stand among his best. But for all Bolton's efforts, Southall was in greatest danger from his own defenders.

Holmes, who had a miserable game, blasted the ball against the bar for Patterson to score Bolton's equaliser two minutes after the interval and, in the dying minutes, Cottee stabbed a cross against the post, Southall just reacting in time. In between, he was sold short by Snodin's ill-judged back pass, but a combination of the goalkeeper's speed and the untrustworthy surface undid Thompson as he moved in and Everton survived.

If they think they have done the hard part, though, they may be mistaken. Last year, Bolton were in Liverpool for an FA Cup replay and won, at Anfield.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): A Davison — P Brown, A Stubbs, M Winstanley, D Burke — S Green, J McAteer, M Patterson, D Lee — A Thompson, J McGinlay.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — P Holmes, M Jackson, I Snodin, G Ablett — G Stuart, M Ward, B Horne, P Beagrie — A Cottee, P Rideout (sub: S Barlow, 83min).
Referee: R Hart.


Walker: quickly animated

# Financial crisis puts damper on excellent result for Barnet

Barnet ..... 0
Chelsea ..... 0

BY OLIVER HOLT

GLENN Hoddle's heart must have leapt when he emerged from the home changing room to face the inquisition that should have been the corollary of his team's inept part in a goalless draw against the club that has fewer points than any other in the English leagues. Instead of a sea of hostile questioners, he was met with a wave of indifference.

As the Chelsea manager fought his way through the crowded corridor to a half-empty Stamford Bridge press room, Ray Clemence, whose appointment ten minutes earlier as Barnet's general manager was the cause of all the excitement, acceded to the entreaties of the photographers and grasped the hand of Gary Phillips, the club's player-manager. "Two goalkeepers together," he smiled. "Safe as houses."

Phillips smiled, too, despite the inference that his position had effectively been usurped minutes after one of the proudest results in the club's topsy-turvy history. Clemence and the new chairman, David Buchler, heaped praise upon him after this FA Cup third-round tie. "Gary and I will sit down for a beer tomorrow and discuss how we will work together," Clemence said.

It might, though, as the former Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper observed, be the shortest managerial partnership in history. Buchler also revealed that with debts of £1.7 million, Barnet face a winding-up order at Liverpool High Court today that may force them out of existence.

The original action was launched by a former club director who was owed £15,000, but other creditors leapt on the bandwagon. "Barnet has been granted three adjournments already and the judge said there would not be a fourth," Buchler, who describes himself as a company doctor, said.

"It is as dire a situation as I have ever met but I will be presenting a very full reorganisation plan to the judge and I have every reason to think he will look kindly on our petition."


Clemence: stole limelight

Buchler, who seems to represent a source of stability and financial common sense that has been long sought after at Barnet, said £500,000 was needed to improve the club's Underhill ground and raise its capacity so it can attract the 4,500 paying supporters it needs to break even.

In the light of those figures, Barnet's decision to sacrifice home advantage, and with it the romance of the third round, to Chelsea, seemed entirely reasonable. They gained £70,000 from Saturday's tie, played in front of more than 23,000 spectators, and can expect another windfall from the replay.

Yet they were still left cursing their luck. They had the best of a mediocre match, epitomised by the performance of Hoddle's younger brother, Carl. One senses he has the vision of his sibling but not the skill to execute his ideas. If Barnet had possessed a little more confidence and composure in front of goal, they would have caused the shock of the round.

They nearly snatched a win in the dying seconds when Haag missed a low cross from Lynch, who had caused Chelsea problems on the flanks throughout the game, by the width of his boot. "We are fortunate we are still in the competition," the elder Hoddle said, "but that's what happens when you get an away draw."

BARNET (4-4-2): G Phillips — T Alexander, M Newson, A Walker, R Mitchell — C Hoddle, P Wilson, S Close, P Scott — A Lynch, K Haag.
CHELSEA (4-3-1-2): D Kharine — S Clarke, F Sinclair, E Johnsen, A Dow — N Spackman (sub: J Spencer, 63min), E Newton, C Burley — G Peacock — N Shipperley, M Stein.
Referee: J Borrett.

# Harriers fly into fame and fortune

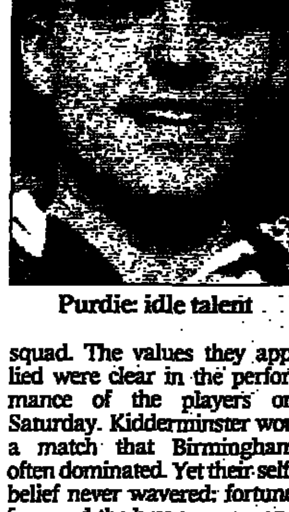
Birmingham City ............ 1
Kidderminster Harriers... 2

By Walter Gammie

NO MATTER what Kidderminster Harriers go on to achieve — as leaders of the GM Vauxhall Conference, a place in the Endsleigh Insurance League League is within sight — the day they travelled 20 miles up the road to St Andrew's and beat Birmingham City will never be forgotten by anybody with the slightest feeling for the club.

Victory, the first over a league club in their 108 years, was forged in the dark days of a relegation struggle last season. David Reynolds, the club chairman, refused to be panicked into dismissing Graham Allner, the manager now in his eleventh year with the club.

His conviction that he had the right man was handsomely realised. Together, they went for quality: paying the same wage bill to a smaller squad. The values they applied were clear in the performance of the players on Saturday. Kidderminster won a match that Birmingham often dominated. Yet their self-belief never wavered: fortune favoured the brave.


Purdie: idle talent

The conviction showed in the way that, behind to a goal from Harding after eight minutes, Kidderminster took their chance for the equaliser in the 28th minute. Bancroft, the left back, sprinted on the overlap down the left touchline and his cross to the far post was headed down and in by Cartwright. The move worked so smoothly it looked routine.

The central defensive pairing of Brindley and Weir did not falter before the range of *inventive ploys tried by Lowe* and Harding and the flow of crosses from McMinn in the first half. Behind them, Rose, the goalkeeper, was splendid.

Rose made a string of fine saves and, when beaten, his luck held. He went the right way when Saville took a penalty, after Lowe was bundled over by Hodson, that struck the top of his right-hand post. Beaten by Whyte's header, Hodson nodded off the line. Beaten by Saville's fierce shot, *the linesman* signalled offside. Caught out by Lowe's well-controlled volley, the ball hit his right-hand post.

But in nobody did the light of confidence shine more brightly than Jon Purdie, who scored a marvellous match-winning goal in the 63rd minute. Purdie, 26, is an unfulfilled talent who, having started at Arsenal and played for Wolverhampton Wanderers, found his career in downward drift until Allner reinfused him with purpose.

Purdie collected the ball on the left-hand touchline and worked his way infield. Whyte, the experienced defender, aware that Purdie favours his left foot, allowed him space for a right-foot drive from 25 yards that brushed Bennett's hand as it whistled into the net.

"We've been waiting for that all season," Brindley said. "All the ones he's tried so far have gone out of the ground. We know he can do it: one on one, he can beat anyone at any time." Allner said: "It's a pleasure to be able to work with someone of so much talent at this level, even if he is an idle so-and-so."

Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, was in sombre mood: "We've let the club down," he said. "A lot of Birmingham fans will be degraded and humiliated. They will go into work and take a lot of stick. It will take a long time *for them to get over it.* Never mind that we had so many chances. All they will see is that we are out of the Cup."

For Fry, the defeat means an end to the spending spree that has seen him lay out £1.27 million on nine recruits. "We needed a Cup run to put money back," he said. "I will have to get rid of players before I can bring any more in. Our problem is obvious: we need someone to stick away the goals."

*Did Allner feel for the club he has always supported?* "No," he replied flatly. He walked on a yard, paused, looked over his shoulder and grinned broadly. "Well, maybe . . . when it has sunk in and I have time to think about it."

Reynolds needed no pause for thought as to how to spend the proceeds from Saturday. "Put it this way, the bank manager will be happy," he said. His own happiness will be made complete if the Football *Trust decides today that it* will help fund the £450,000 stand Kidderminster needs to bring its Aggborough ground up to scratch.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — S Hiley, C Whyte, R Dryden, G Cooper — G Parris, K Lowe, P Harding (sub: D Smith, 68min), E McMinn — L Donowa (sub: R Willis, 81), A Saville.
KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (4-4-2): K Rose — S Hodson, C Brindley, M Weir, P Bancroft — J Deakin, P Grainger, R Forsyth, J Purdie — N Cartwright, D Humphreys.
Referee: T West.


Carter, of Bromsgrove, leaps over Butler, the Barnsley goalkeeper, during Saturday's FA Cup third-round tie

# Barnsley deprive Hope of glory

Bromsgrove Rovers ....... 1
Barnsley ......................... 2

By Andrew Longmore

WITH two members of a Cup-winning side in the stands and another on the touchline, nobody at Bromsgrove on Saturday had to look hard for the meaning of the FA Cup. It was *left to Barnsley to provide the* other magical ingredient. Without cruelty, glory is nothing and two goals in the last three minutes, which gave the first division side victory after they had been outplayed for vast swathes of the afternoon, was a reminder that the Cup dispenses more despair than delight along its way.

The Vauxhall Conference team's journey had begun with a kick of good fortune in early September, an own goal securing a fortunate draw against Gresley Rovers, and had already taken them into territory unknown in the 108-year history of the club. But not even Bobby Hope, their manager, or his old West Bromwich Albion team-mates, Tony Brown and Jeff Astle, lending moral support for the day, could have anticipated the sternness of fate's retribution.

As he fits windows on to a conservatory in West Bromwich this morning, Kevin Richardson, the Rovers *captain, will feel no better.* He fancied an away tie against Newcastle United in the fourth round, but, at 31, his chances of further glory ended with Rammell's looping header from a corner in the 88th minute and Archdeacon's left-foot shot 20 seconds from the final whistle. The fact that he was the best player on the field, a model of assurance in Bromsgrove's three-man defence, only highlighted the missed opportunities of a *career spent on the verge of* professionalism.

Richardson had trials with Derby, but broke his toe. After months on the dole, he found a job with Mansfield, where he snapped a tendon in his ankle and was out for a year. Realistically, he said, Bromsgrove will not be ready to challenge for league status for another three or four years, though they finished second to Wycombe Wanderers in the Conference last season. Besides, his back is beginning to hurt. He was advised not to *play on Saturday.*

"I look at some players in the league and think that I could do a better job than them. No one in our side looked out of place today," he said. Indeed, until the last 15 minutes, Barnsley had looked the ones in need of guidance. They could have been two down long before Crisp's neat goal on the half-hour had turned the unlovely Victoria Ground into a swirl of green and white and, for all the *mounting pressure in the second* half, it seemed certain that Viv Anderson, whose last involvement in the FA Cup was captaining Sheffield Wednesday, the losing finalists, at Wembley, would end his first Cup match as a manager in embarrassing defeat. "We are the luckiest team in the world," he admitted.

The equaliser sparked a brief invasion by Barnsley supporters, more from relief than malevolence, and the winner prompted a further swarm. At the final whistle, *the Barnsley players sneaked* away like thieves after a raid, while the victims stood rooted to the spot in disbelief, trying vainly to find out what they had lost. "That's the magic of the Cup," Richardson said later. But by then Astle, Brown and Hope had long since fallen to reminiscence of that golden day in 1968 when Albion won the Cup.

BROMSGROVE ROVERS (3-4-3): R Green — P Wardle, K Richardson, J Skelding — P Webb, R Shilvock, S Stott, S Brighton (sub: C Hanks, 45min) — R Carter, M Crisp, C Radburn.
BARNSLEY (3-5-2): L Butler — C Bishop, G Fleming, G Taggart — N Eaden, B O'Connell (sub: A Liddell 77), N Redfearn, D Wilson, O Archdeacon — A Payton, A Rammell.
Referee: J Lloyd.

# Hateley keeps adding to his repertoire

The victory may have been delayed at Ibrox, but there was, eventually, a routine rout. Rangers followers have come to assume that Mark Hateley will maul the opposition in just this manner.

In the final 20 minutes, he set up the first goal and scored twice more himself in a 3-0 win. "No one else has a forward like him," Tommy Burns, the defeated Kilmarnock manager, said in morose admiration.

Hateley now has 23 goals to his credit and, at 32, is enjoying the most productive season of his life. In the past few months, when the rest of the side has blown a fuse, his livewire performances have provided the power for Rangers' championship challenge. Nowadays, he is feted by the supporters.

It was not always so. When he arrived at the club from AS Monaco in 1990, Graeme Souness, then the Rangers manager, asserted *that the new signing was* "much more than just a target man". So far as Rangers supporters were concerned, Hateley was not even that. The Englishman produced clumsy displays amid a widespread reluctance to make allowances for his lack of fitness after severe injury.

There were, however, greater problems. Hateley, undeniably, was not Ally McCoist, who had been relegated to the bench. Brooding and resentment were copious, for at Ibrox McCoist's position as club hero is virtually held on a statutory basis.

People pored over Hateley's CV for confirmation *that he was indeed the* ponderous colossus he appeared. It was recalled that England only prospered in the 1986 World Cup once the striker had been dropped. Given his predatory nature, Hateley was more sacrificial wolf than lamb, but it was his international career that was offered up so that the partnership of Lineker and Beardsley might be established. Indeed, he has won just 11 caps since the Mexico *World Cup and nine of* those have been gained as substitute.

Rangers, though, have benefited from the exclusive rights to the forward's services. The range of Hateley's play seems to be undergoing continual expansion. There is a greater cultivation of touch, as in the delivery of the cross at Elland Road that allowed Rangers to go 2-0 ahead against Leeds United in the European Cup last season.

All the same, it is the ability to intimidate which lies at the heart of his effectiveness. This is more than a question of mere hardness: Hateley proves that it is possible to be brutal but fair.

When Michael Watt, the Aberdeen goalkeeper, faltered in coming to collect at Ibrox in December, Hateley's challenge was merciless. It left Watt crumpled on

KEVIN McCARRA



*Scottish commentary*

the ground while the striker sauntered on to score.

Hateley is, however, a genuine warrior. There is a ready acceptance that the challenges in which he specialises will sometimes cast him as the victim. He was scarcely fit in the closing stages of last season, but continued to play and continued to contribute important goals.

The sturdy disposition is not prompted by any need to *earn a living. There is a tale* circulating concerning one of Hateley's rare ineffective matches. In the closing minutes, his marker is said to have enquired: "Do you think I should let you out of my pocket now?" Hateley's supposed reply was: "Why don't I sell one of my Porsches and buy you a decent house?" He is a very wealthy man.

Managers, of course, have queued to give him so much *money ever since the move* to AC Milan in 1984 precisely because his appetite for the game cannot be dulled by affluence.

# Saunders saves Villa from further embarrassment

Exeter City................................0
Aston Villa ...............................1

By Peter Robinson

THE FA Cup is a glorious competition and its third round its most glorious stage. It is a day of upsets, of making insuperable odds look laughable, of punishing the rich and famous for their airs and graces, of seizing your *15* minutes of fame.

It is also the day that begins in a fire of optimism and ends in ashes, a day of frustration, cursed luck and thwarted ambition. Exeter City may therefore want to forget Saturday's brief foray into the football spotlight.

The scene was set for a classic act of *giant-killing with an eager crowd* shoehorned into St James' Park, a ground that shares a name with a grand stage in Newcastle but none of its splendour, a leaden pitch guaranteed to delight every cow in the country, rain, mud, sombre and preoccupied opposition and even a set of television cameras to record the great event. Yet it all came to nought. Like countless others before, Exeter discovered that the magic of the FA Cup works only occasionally. For all their straining and chasing, wanting and working, it was not their day. Sadly.

They may have realised when, with the game about to enter its second quarter, their best chance came and went. A sweet pass from Coughlin, a cross from Storer, a clever shot lifted by Ross and, as the goalkeeper looked on, beaten, the crowd began a unified yell of "Yeeaa . . .". *But the ball bounced* softly off the front of the crossbar and the yell was never completed. Exeter did not come as close again. The special offer in football's new year sale, one chance for fame and glory, take it or leave it, stayed on the shelf.

Had that shot found the net, an upset would surely have been on the cards. Aston Villa played like a side with their minds on other things, which they probably were, knowing that newspaper headlines concerning matters off the field were due the following morning. When Exeter's supporters chanted: "Where's the *great Paul McGrath?" and Villa's* responded "We don't know, we don't know" before hazarding a guess anyway, the players heard every word and visibly winced. They did not know either.

Eventually, after half-time and worthy saves at either end, Villa's experience told. Saunders scampered into the penalty area, felt Whiston's boot tickle his ankle, fell and got up to slot home the consequent spot kick. The game might as well have ended then. Exeter were beaten.

EXETER CITY (4-1-2-3): P Fox — J Minett, S Daniels, P Whiston, J Brown — D Bailey — R Coughlin, S Davies — S Storer, M Ross, S Wigley (sub: M Phillips, 68min).
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — N Cox, E Barrett, S Teale, S Staunton — R Houghton, K Richardson, G Parker, A Townsend — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd)

## WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

### FA Challenge Cup

#### Third round

BARNET (0) 0 CHELSEA (0) 0
23,200
(at Stamford Bridge)

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 KIDDERMINSTR (1) 2
Harding 9; Cartwright 28, Purdie 64
19,666

BLACKBURN (1) 3 PORTSMOUTH (0) 3
Shearer 21, Gallacher 71, Sherwood 85; McLoughlin 49, 82, 89
17,219

BOLTON (0) 1 EVERTON (1) 1
Patterson 47; Rideout 44
21,702

BRISTOL C (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (1) 1
Allison 39; Rush 12
20,617
(Abandoned - floodlight failure)

BROMSGROVE (1) 1 BARNSLEY (0) 2
Crisp 31; Rammell 88, Archdeacon 90
4,893

CARDIFF (0) 2 MIDDLESBRO (1) 2
Stant 67, Thompson 85; Wilkinson 24, Moore 82
13,750

CHARLTON (1) 3 BURNLEY (0) 0
Pardew 18, Leaburn 49, Grant 59
8,336

EXETER (0) 0 A VILLA (0) 1
Saunders 60 (pen)
10,570

GRIMSBY (0) 1 WIGAN (0) 0
Croft 82
4,488

LEEDS (1) 3 CREWE (1) 1
Deane 17, Forrester 58, 83; Naylor 31
23,475

MAN CITY (0) 4 LEICESTER (0) 1
Ingebrigtsen 51, 52, 85, Kernaghan 57; Oldfield 87
22,613

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 COVENTRY (0) 0
Cole 21, Beardsley 76
35,444

NOTTS CO (2) 3 SUTTON UTD (0) 2
Draper 2, Agana 10, Devlin 78; Barrowcliffe 81, Smart 69
6,805

OLDHAM (0) 2 DERBY (1) 1
Beckford 60, Holden 71; Johnson 45
12,810

OXFORD UTD (1) 2 TRANMERE (0) 0
Elliott 41, Byrne 71
5,283

PETERBORO (0) 1 TOTTENHAM (0) 1
Brissett 60; Dozzell 86
19,169

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 CHESTER (0) 0
Nugent 84
9,170

PRESTON (0) 2 BOURNEMTH (0) 1
Moyes 50, Conroy 86; Aspinall 90 (pen)
8,457

SHEFF WED (1) 1 NOTTM FOR (0) 1
Bright 9; Cooper 88
32,488

SOTON (1) 1 PORT VALE (1) 1
Dowie 44; Porter 14
11,086

STOCKPORT (1) 2 QPR (1) 1
Francis 39, Preece 74; Barker 19
7,569

STOKE (0) 0 BATH (0) 0
14,159

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 CARLISLE (0) 1
Ferguson 31; Edmondson 80
23,587

SWINDON (1) 1 IPSWICH (1) 1
Mutch 45; Marshall 28
12,105

WEST HAM (0) 2 WATFORD (1) 1
Allen 65, Marsh 85; Porter 27 (pen)
19,802

WIMBLEDON (2) 3 SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
Holdsworth 11, 45, 71
4,944

WOLVES (0) 1 C PALACE (0) 0
Kelly 74
25,047

WYCOMBE (0) 0 NORWICH (1) 2
Sutton 37, 87
7,802

Postponed: Luton v Southend.

#### Yesterday

SHEFF UTD (0) 0 MAN UTD (0) 1
Hughes 62
22,019

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 0 Ards 3; Bangor 1 Portadown 1; Crusaders 2 Coleraine 0; Distillery 2 Carrick 0; Glenavon 2 Glentoran 1; Larne 0 Cliftonville 3; Linfield 5 Ballyclare 0; Omagh Town 1 Newry 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 *Llanelli 0; Alan Lido 1 Inter Cardiff 3;* Conwy 2 Mold 3; Flint Town United 1 Llansantffraid 1; Haverfordwest 1 Cwmbran 5, Maesteg Park 1 Ebbw Vale 2; Newtown 1 Holywell 0; Porthmadog 2 Caersws 0; Ton Pentre 1 Briton Ferry 0.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Guisborough 1 Consett 1; Northallerton 0 Brandon 2; Seaham *Red Star 0 Tow Law 1.*

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2 Gainsborough 4; Boston 2 Droylsden 0; Hyde 1 Buxton 1; Matlock 2 Chorley 1. First division: Ashton United 1 Workington 1, Lancaster City 5 Alfreton 0; Spennymoor 4 Great Harwood 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich 3 Millwall 1.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 2 Gorleston 1; Lowestoft 0 Newmarket 2; Stowmarket 0 Halstead 3; Wroxham 0 Felixstowe 2.

### Endsleigh Insurance League

#### Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 FULHAM (1) 3
Griffiths 52, Bamber 71; Baah 23, Morgan 67, Farrell 84
3,374

BRADFORD (0) 0 L ORIENT (0) 0
5,260

BRENTFORD (1) 3 BRISTOL R (3) 4
Mundee 16, 47, 69; Browning 9, Taylor 10, 79, Skinner 22
6,841

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 YORK (2) 2
Barnes 16, Tutill 35
3,534

HULL (0) 0 BRIGHTON (0) 0
5,386

READING (2) 4 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Quinn 3, Lovell 9, Gooding 53, Taylor 67
6,217

Postponed: Huddersfield v Wrexham.

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| 2 Plymouth | 23 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 25 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 18 | 44 |
| 3 Stockport | 23 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 27 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 44 |
| 4 Burnley | 24 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 43 |
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| 23 Hartlepool | 25 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 22 | 20 |
| 24 Barnet | 23 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 33 | 10 |

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Third round: Burscough 1 Maine Road 1, Blackpool Rovers 2 Bacup Bor 2; *N Trafford 1 Bradford PA 1*, Skelmersdale 1 Clitheroe 5; Stantondale 5 Prescot 0. First division: Darwen 0 Salford 2.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Bealonians 1 Mill Hill Village 2

#### Third division

DONCASTER (0) 0 TORQUAY (1) 2
Sale 26 75
1,685

HEREFORD (0) 1 DARLINGTON (0) 1
Clark 85 (pen); Chapman 67
1,710

SCARBORO (1) 2 NORTHAMPTON (1) 1
Toman 25, Whittington 60; Gilzean 20
1,703

Postponed: Chesterfield v Colchester, Rochdale v Shrewsbury

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| 1 Crewe | 22 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 19 | 47 |
| 2 Preston | 22 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 29 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 20 | 39 |
| 3 Shrewsbury | 22 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 39 |
| 4 Wycombe | 22 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 20 | 38 |
| 5 Walsall | 22 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 38 |
| 6 Chester | 21 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 16 | 37 |
| 7 Torquay | 23 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 35 |
| 8 Scunthorpe | 23 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 35 |
| 9 Rochdale | 21 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 33 |
| 10 Bury | 22 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 32 |
| 11 Chesterfield | 21 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 30 |
| 12 Colchester | 22 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 27 | 28 |
| 13 Lincoln | 20 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 18 | 28 |
| 14 Gillingham | 22 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 28 |
| 15 Carlisle | 23 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 27 |
| 16 Scarboro | 23 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 27 |
| 17 Doncaster | 23 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 27 |
| 18 Mansfield | 22 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 27 |
| 19 Hereford | 22 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 26 | 20 |
| 20 Darlington | 23 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 23 | 19 |
| 21 Wigan | 20 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 17 |
| 22 Northampton | 23 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 33 | 12 |

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1 Harrow 1; Dulwich 1 Dorking 1. Grays 1 Carshalton 1: Marlow 3 Wivenhoe 1. First division: Billericay 0 Staines 5. Heybridge Swifts 4 Chalfont St Peter 1; Maidenhead 1 Purfleet 1. Second division: Collier Row 0 Hampton 1; Hungerford 3 Lewes 1. Third division: Cheshunt 1 East Thurrock 3. Hornchurch 1 Harefield 1; Horsham 3 Cove 1, Leighton Town 2 Epsom & Ewell.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 7 Elmore 2; Paulton 1 Westbury 2; Taunton 3 Minehead 0; Torrington 1 Mangotsfield 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: *First* division: Ipswich 3 Charlton 1; Swindon 3 Bristol City 1.

AFA SENIOR CUP: West Wickham 2 Old Minchendenians 1

### GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0 WOKING (1) 2
632; Walker 15, Puckett 84

KETTERING (0) 0 HALIFAX (0) 1
2,409; Ridings 49

RUNCORN (3) 3 SLOUGH (1) 2
Thomas 11, 35, 39; Sayer 29, Hazel 74
563

*STALYBRIDGE* (1) 2 *MERTHYR* (1) 2
Jackson 33 64; Benbow 6, James 52
445

TELFORD (0) 0 GATESHEAD (0) 0
1,014

WELLING (1) 2 WITTON (0) 1
Copley 13, White 84; Walker 90
1,001

Postponed: Dagenham & Redbridge v Macclesfield, Northwich v Dover; Yeovil v Stafford

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| 1 Kidderminstr | 22 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 41 |
| 2 Southport | 22 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 38 |
| 3 Kettering | 22 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 36 |
| 4 Woking | 22 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 17 | 35 |
| 5 Welling | 20 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 34 |
| 6 Bath | 22 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 33 |
| 7 Dover | 21 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 32 |
| *8 Slough* | 24 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 27 | 23 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 15 | 31 |
| 9 Runcorn | 21 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 16 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 12 | 20 | 30 |
| 10 Stafford | 23 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 17 | 30 |
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| 13 Gateshead | 20 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 28 |
| 14 Halifax | 20 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 24 | 24 |
| 15 Bromsgrv | 19 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 19 | 24 |
| 16 Dag & Red | 18 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 22 |
| 17 Yeovil | 22 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 22 |
| 18 Northwich | 21 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 22 |
| 19 Witton | 23 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 22 |
| *20 Telford* | 20 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 20 |
| 21 Altrincham | 19 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| 22 Stalybridge | 18 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 15 |

* 2 points deducted

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Lincoln 3 Brigg 2; Winterton Rangers 1 Eccleshill 3

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers 1 Drogheda United 2; Derry City 0 Galway United 0, Dundalk 2 Cork City 2. Limerick 0 Shamrock Rovers 2. Shelbourne 2 Bohemians 1; St Patrick's Athletic 1 Monaghan United 0

### Tennents Scottish Cup

#### Second round

BERWICK (1) 1 E FIFE (0) 0
Kane 38; 742

E STIRLING (0) 4 COVE (0) 1
McAulay 48, Geraghty 70, McCallum 77, *Roberton 84*; White 60
867

FORFAR (0) 0 ROSS COUNTY (2) 4
2,439; Grant 16, 50, 71, Wilson 17

MEADOWBNK (1) 1 MONTROSE (1) 2
Rutherford 18; Kennedy 42, Bailey 82 (og)
339

Postponed: Alloa v Gala, Cowdenbeath v Stenhousemuir, Selkirk v Arbroath

First round replay: Postponed: Huntly v Albion

### Scottish League

#### Premier division

ABERDEEN (0) 1 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1
Shearer 65; Ferguson 60
14,800

DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 HEARTS (0) 0
*Crabbe 3*, Connolly 14, Brewster 75; *8,583*

HIBERNIAN (2) 2 DUNDEE (0) 0
McAllister 1, Tortolano 39; 7,415

PARTICK (0) 1 CELTIC (0) 0
Shaw 50; 13,092

RANGERS (0) 3 KILMARNOCK (0) 0
Huistra 69, *Hateley 75, 76*; 44,919

Postponed: Motherwell v Raith

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| 1 Rangers | 26 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 17 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 11 | 34 |
| 2 Aberdeen | 25 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 32 |
| 3 Motherwell | 24 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 15 | 30 |
| 4 Hibernian | 25 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 29 |
| 5 Celtic | 25 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 28 |
| 6 Kilmarnock | 26 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 27 |
| *7 Dundee U* | 25 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 26 |
| 8 Partick | 25 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 24 | 23 |
| 9 Hearts | 25 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 20 |
| 10 St Johnstn | 24 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 18 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 19 |
| 11 Raith | 23 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 21 | 18 |
| 12 Dundee | 25 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 22 | 12 |

#### First division

AYR (1) 1 DUMBARTON (1) 1
Hood 43; Meechan 29
2,084

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 CLYDE (1) 2
1,282; Strain 16, Parks 82

HAMILTON (1) 1 FALKIRK (0) 1
Chalmers 27; Cadette 56
3,135

MORTON (0) 1 BRECHIN (1) 1
Hunter 68; Millar 44
1,020

STIRLING (1) 3 ST MIRREN (0) 0
Armstrong 20, Watters 79, Orr 81 (og); 1,850

Postponed: Dunfermline v Airdrie

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| 1 Dunfermline | 24 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 35 |
| 2 Airdrie | 25 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 33 |
| 3 Falkirk | 23 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 31 |
| 4 Clydebank | 25 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 18 | 18 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 11 | 28 |
| 5 Hamilton | 23 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 25 |
| 6 St Mirren | 24 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 20 | 25 |
| 7 Stirling | 25 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 19 | 24 |
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| 9 Dumbarton | 24 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 18 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 17 | 21 |
| 10 Clyde | 24 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 25 | 16 |
| 11 Morton | 23 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 15 |
| 12 Brechin | 25 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 28 | 5 |

#### Second division

ALBION (0) 1 STRANRAER (0) 2
Seggie 84; McIntyre 51, Duncan 71 (pen)
306

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 2 Bashley 1. Chelmsford 1 Moor Green 1; Corby 5 Crawley 1; Dorchester 0 Worcester *3. Gloucester 3 Atherstone 0, Hastings 1* Cheltenham 1; Nuneaton 2 Sittingbourne 1; Solihull 2 Cambridge City 0. Midland division: Armitage 0 Rushden & Diamonds 3, Bilston 6 Hinckley 1, Clevedon 3 Stourbridge 1. Dudley 1 Yate Town 1; Forest Green Rovers 2 Tamworth 4, Grantham 4 Bridgnorth 1; Leicester United 1 Newport AFC 2. RC Warwick 2 Weston-super-Mare 1. Redditch 3 Bedworth 1. Southern division: Braintree 1 *Margate 1. Poole 2 Burnham 0*, Salisbury City 2 Dunstable 0, Witney 1 Sudbury 1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Broomfield 4 Ibis 1

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cremonese 1 Juventus 1. Foggia 4 Lazio 1. AC Milan 0 Lecce 0, Parma 0 Udinese 1; Reggiana 1 Internazionale 0. AS Roma 1 Genoa 1. Sampdoria 4 Napoli 1. Torino 1 Piacenza 0. Leading positions (after 18 matches) 1, AC Milan, 27pts; 2, Sampdoria, 25; 3, Juventus, 24

DUTCH LEAGUE: Cambuur Leeuwarden 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 1, FC Twente Enschede 0 PSV Eindhoven 0. Vitesse Arnhem 3 NAC Breda 1. Sparta Rotterdam 4 FC Volendam 1. Leading positions: 1, Ajax, played 17, 30pts; 2, Feyenoord, 17, 26; 3, Vitesse, 18, 26

## POOLS CHECK

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# EDUCATION

Peace in our classrooms — or a recipe for mediocrity? Two views of the proposals in Sir Ron Dearing's final report

# A choice of do or die with Dearing

## Teachers have have won far more than they dreamt of and should abandon their boycott, says **Michael Barber**

Sir Ron Dearing's final report, published last week, presents both the teacher unions and the Government with a moment of truth. Sir Ron, a pragmatist to the core, has not produced the perfect national curriculum, but he has set out a workable compromise. If the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority succeeds in implementing his proposals, the foundation of a successful national curriculum will, at last, be in place.

The Government has had the courage to accept the report in full. It should now demonstrate its commitment to the Dearing settlement. Ministers should, for example, resist the temptation to interfere with the revisions required by Dearing of subjects like history. If there is any suspicion of political meddling, or change imposed without proper consultation, the whole Dearing apple-cart could be overturned. John Patten, the education secretary, could do no better than go back to basics and do for a while what Conservative governments used to do so successfully: nothing.

From the teaching profession's point of view, the first response should be one of celebration. Last May the six teacher unions jointly submitted proposals for revision of the national curriculum and its assessment. They urged reduced prescription, reduced teacher workload, the provision of greater room for the exercise of professional judgment, a simplified curriculum structure, fewer tests and professional involvement in decision-making. They also suggested that once these new arrangements were in place there should be no further change to it for five years. Sir Ron has delivered in every case.

No doubt teachers will have continuing doubts. They will remain concerned about the nature of the national tests, though everyone agrees they are more sensible this year than last. They will also worry about the government's continued insistence on school-by-school league tables of the test results of 11 and 16-year-olds.

Underlying all of this, many teachers are still deeply suspicious of government education policy and sceptical about the competence of ministers. Union leaderships will inevitably reflect these concerns of their members. Some may take the view that they justify a continued boycott of the tests. However tempting, these siren voices must be ignored. Teachers have won far more than anyone might have dreamt a year ago.

For unions, the most difficult decision always is when to settle. They have, after all, to work hard to encourage the membership to take action. This involves magnifying the cause and making sure the opposition is pilloried. Suddenly, if the union settles, the membership is told to resume normal service. In these circumstances courageous leadership is required. Continuing the action is often the easier option. But genius is knowing when to stop. For the teaching profession this is the moment. Now that Dearing has produced his carefully constructed proposals, the overwhelming priority for the nation should be raising standards for all pupils.

> Sir Ron has delivered to the teachers in every case

To use the words Sir Ron used at the press launch of his report, pupils and teachers must be switched on. That surely is what parents and the public will want to see. They will not understand if the tests are boycotted this summer. They would then be forced to conclude that the real motive for a boycott was not to improve the national curriculum and its testing arrangements, but a gut opposition to all tests and a fearful defensiveness about accountability. A 1994 boycott could not, therefore, gain the kind of public support that the 1993 boycott generated. On the contrary, it would separate teachers from their most important allies, parents.

Furthermore, there is little prospect of the six teachers unions uniting behind a boycott. Only the NASUWT and the NUT, the two TUC affiliates, are still seriously considering it. The former has consistently focused solely on workload worries, while the latter has given emphasis to the principles of assessment. There is, therefore, little prospect of successful collaboration between them.

As a result, any boycott in 1994 would be likely to be pursued by one or other union acting alone. If so, isolated from public opinion and divided from professional colleagues, it could easily be picked off. Nothing would suit John Patten better. In short, a boycott in 1994 would not only be unjustified in principle; it would be strategically disastrous.

The teacher unions were crushed by Kenneth Baker after the long pay dispute in the mid-1980s. They found themselves in an unpleasant, grimy pit beyond the margins of the policy process. It took the best part of a decade to climb out of it: but to their credit they did. The Dearing settlement represents their greatest achievement since the war. A 1994 boycott, however, would lead straight back to the pit.

Instead, the teacher unions should recognise that the counterpart of last year's success is responsibility. They should make the most of the new opportunities that involvement in the policy process brings. They could also begin to urge the Government to apply the Dearing approach — listening, consultation and pragmatism — to other aspects of education policy. If teacher unions are to succeed in the next decade they must be seen to be promoting higher standards, not standing in the way of them.

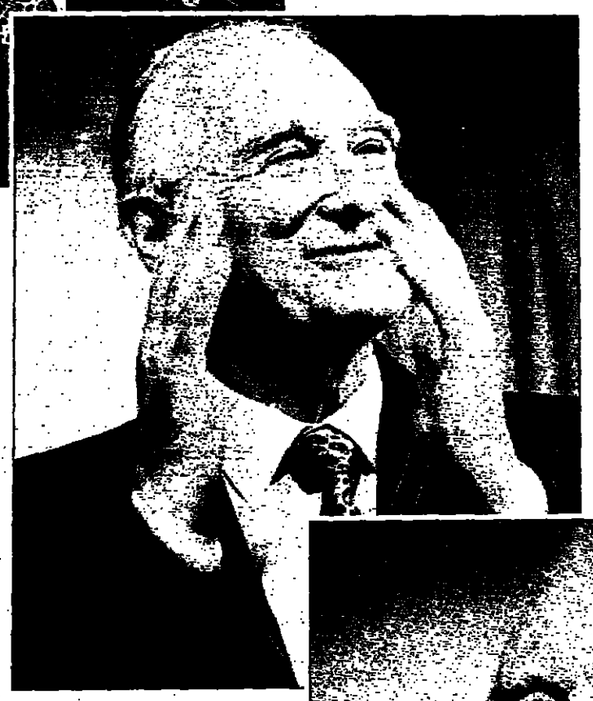
This will not always be easy. Responsibility never is. It means, for example, making constructive contributions to the two most crucial debates facing education. If teachers believe the Government's league tables are an unsatisfactory means of holding schools accountable, what do they believe would work better? And how best can schools, especially those in urban areas, be enabled to raise standards?

Dearing has played his part magnificently. The teacher unions must choose between responsibility and oblivion.

*● Michael Barber is professor of education at Keele University and director of its centre for successful schools.*

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Know no evil . . . Sir Ron Dearing presenting his report last week

## Behind the rhetoric, the changes are no more than cosmetic and contain two unpleasant surprises, says **Sheila Lawlor**

In 1940 Neville Chamberlain reflected on the great problems he had faced in preparing his country for war. You can double the army with the stroke of a pen, he said, but you can't do the same for its equipment. Chamberlain knew that legislation alone resolved nothing. Yet the illusion that legislation solves everything continues to ensnare politicians and their officials, nowhere more than in education. Since 1987, the aim of raising standards through a national curriculum of basic subjects with external written tests has disappeared amid a welter of legislation and its attendant bureaucracy.

Since 1988, the politicians have tried to unpick parts of the web which education professionals, teachers' unions, departmental officials and the curriculum and examination quangos had managed to weave around them. When John Patten asked Sir Ron Dearing to review the curriculum and its assessment, he reflected the Government's wish for a further unravelling of the binding threads.

Last week Sir Ron's final report came with an upbeat message of a slimmer curriculum with less prescription, less bureaucracy and greater choice for teachers, pupils and parents. But the reality is different from the rhetoric. The legal curriculum will still prescribe most of the school day, up to 80 per cent in terms of content and teaching method for all pupils under 14. The trimming is no more than cosmetic.

Moreover, Sir Ron's report brings two new and unpleasant surprises. The controversial ten-level scale for all subjects is to stay for under-14s, while for the over-14s, sights are now set on courses overlapping courses.

The ten-level scale is deceptive. It implies, mistakenly, that progress in subjects as different as science and English can be measured uniformly and takes place in roughly equal steps. Worst of all, by breaking up subjects into a myriad of dubious "statements of attainment", it destroys their coherence and makes both good teaching and sound assessment impossible. The sense of a subject as a whole disappears.

> He has opened the way for further confusion

The irony is that the national curriculum, which aimed to restore subject-teaching in the face of the cross-curricular enthusiasms of the education professionals, will end by destroying the integrity of individual subjects. True, Sir Ron wishes to revise and simplify the ten-level scale. He promises to reduce the number of level-descriptions, while still providing the basis for accurate assessment. But he cannot explain *how* he will square this circle.

On technical and vocational education, Sir Ron's plan bodes ill. Pupils over 14 will be allowed 40 per cent more time to spend on vocational or other courses outside the curriculum — but why only 40 per cent? Worse, Sir Ron has gone along with the educational theorists who, for decades now have been determined to ignore the messages of other European countries, where separate schools, syllabuses, courses and exams are designed for different types of education — vocational, academic, technical.

In this country, by contrast, educational theorists and bureaucrats have waged war against separate streams and separate schools, and against separate exams — with notable success. The O-level was replaced with GCSE, which does not stretch the academic child, and fails the child with a more technical inclination. A-levels remain in name but are changing in character to make them accessible to the increased proportion of pupils remaining at school and to allow "transfer" between vocational and academic streams.

And now, Sir Ron has opened the way for further confusion in the 14-16 group, and he hints, beyond. They will be forced to spend 60 per cent of their time on a curriculum designed by theorists and bureaucrats. Unlike our competitor countries, there will be no vocational specialisation, no rigorous training, no concentration of funds, interest and effort in distinct schools with distinct emphases.

This is the depressing message of Sir Ron's review, which overshadows his and Mr Patten's admirable aims. It is another manifestation of the comprehensive mentality into which a Conservative Government has been edged by the Left-leaning education establishment and bureaucracy.

Mrs Thatcher always regretted that "stroke of a pen" by which she, as education secretary, played her part in imposing uniformity on the organisation of the nation's schools. Mr Patten shares her scepticism of imposed uniformity. No doubt in the fullness of time he will regret the stroke of a pen by which he has prolonged, rather than challenged, a nationalised curriculum.

*● Dr Sheila Lawlor is deputy director of the Centre for Policy Studies*

## Lesson of history

AMID the welter of recent education policy U-turns, Sir Ron Dearing's sacrifice of history and geography to the imperative of a slimmed-down national curriculum hardly stands out, *Ben Preston writes.*

Historians and geographers accepted their fate last week with the weary resignation of mortgage defaulters dispossessed after a long fight with the building society. "Disappointed but not surprised" was their subject associations' verdict on Sir Ron's report that ended their tenure on a place in the compulsory curriculum beyond 14.

The change represents a nifty pirouette in government thinking. Only four years ago, John MacGregor, then Education Secretary, warned the Society of Education Officers that too many pupils were dropping subjects prematurely. Even history and geography seemed to be largely optional in many schools, he said. Today the concern is that if schools do not have the flexibility to introduce vocational subjects, pupils skip lessons altogether and become habitual truants.

Although the fight for compulsory history and geography beyond 14 has been conceded, forces are already massing for the next battle. The required 50 per cent cut in each subject's content for pupils aged five to 14 will reopen old wounds, particularly in history where traditionalists are determined to increase the emphasis on learning facts.

Sir Ron may have succeeded in taking some of the heat out of the teachers' dispute, but taking the politics out of the national curriculum is another matter.

## Latin is proving a help to primary school children of foreign backgrounds

# Classic way to English

An inner-city, bare-brick classroom full of children of mixed ethnic backgrounds, many of whom do not speak English at home, is not the most likely place in Britain to find seven to 11-year-olds happily learning Latin.

Every day at Our Lady of Victories School, a Roman Catholic primary in South Kensington, children grapple with the ancient language. The headteacher, James Walsh, decided three years ago that Latin could be a good way of helping his multi-lingual pupils find their feet in English.

Their teacher, Jean Cross, helps the youngsters make up funny stories with their few basic words and parts of speech — things like "*The king is in the house. The wolf is in the house. The wolf is big. The king is small. The wasp is in the garden. The king shrieks. The wasp flies into the house. It wounds the wolf. The king sings. The wasp sings.*"

Other teachers in the school are supporting the classics programme by introducing themes into main areas of the national curriculum: one group of eight-year-olds has made its own models of a Roman hypocaust and older groups have made papier-mâché "Greek pottery" and models of Roman roads.

Mr Walsh first started a voluntary Latin club in the lunch hour. He was pleased with the keen response from older pupils, and, working with Miss Cross, his "very gifted" language teacher, he developed the club into timetabled weekly lessons for years three to six.

"The idea behind introducing Latin was to improve their grasp of the structure of the English language," Mr Walsh says. "The first languages of many of our pupils are Spanish, Portuguese and so on."

Schools with high proportions of children speaking Commonwealth languages receive special funding for English language support. The adequacy of this "Section 11" funding, as it is known, has always been a subject of controversy; but for Our Lady of Victories School, the debate is academic. The school's Spanish, Portuguese and Filipino pupils speak the wrong language to qualify for special help.

Conventional wisdom says that teaching Latin to such children is impossible. And is not the national curriculum oddball initiatives? Since 1989, when the Baker curriculum first began hitting school timetables, the number of schools teaching classics has shrunk sharply. In that year more than 100 teaching posts were advertised; this year there were half as many.

Even if Sir Ron Dearing's slimmed curriculum gives minority subjects such as classics a chance to breathe, Dr Peter Jones, the spokesman for the Co-ordinating Committee for Classics, fears that a long-term decline in the teaching of Latin and Greek languages may now be irreversible.

"The problem is that the fewer posts there are, the fewer graduates will think of teaching classics,' he says. "And we must remember that the national curriculum is not even fully on stream yet."

A directive from the Government concerning time allotted to the national curriculum almost ended Latin lessons. Mr Walsh's solution was to snip a little time from the lunch hour — something he could not have done without dedicated staff.

The up-market address of Our Lady of Victories School disguises its real character. Many parents joke that it is the only primary school where pupils are driven up in chauffeur-driven Jaguars — driven, that is, by Dad, who is a chauffeur at a nearby diplomatic residence.

The school is now to become grant-maintained, but some parents were initially worried that it might have to charge fees.

Mr Walsh hopes grant-maintained status will help preserve his Latin programme. Teaching Latin to inner-city working class children has been tried with success in America as a way of raising linguistic ability.

Yet it is still widely seen as a gimmick — a view that insults both the children and the classics alike.

SARAH JOHNSON

JOHN MANNING



Pupils in a Latin class at Our Lady of Victories School

# Songs that gave us heart

## Save our traditional school hymn singing from political correctness

Imagine a secondary school hall full for assembly. The youngest are quite small children. The eldest are strapping young adults, many of whom tower over their teachers.

One teacher is playing the piano, while another stands at the front in a vain effort to persuade the assembled youngsters to sing. Other teachers at the sides present varying degrees of enthusiasm and indifference.

The trivial little ditty in question will consist of some grammatical infelicity such as "He's got the whole world in his hands", repeated four times on about the same number of notes. Last month it might have been "Mary had a baby, yes Lord", repeated three times with a non-standard English coda in the fourth line.

This dismal scene is repeated daily all over the country and, for ordinary schoolchildren, it seems to be all that is left of our great heritage of hymn singing.

There are many good reasons why children should be taught to sing real hymns. To fob them off with second-rate, unlovely banalities such as "God's in the yard" in misguided pursuit of "relevance" is to deny them their cultural entitlement.

Hymns — as opposed to miserable jingles masquerading as hymns — are often musically demanding and require singing from the diaphragm, rather than the effortless throat crooning beloved of so many pop "singers".

You have to *learn* to reach the top notes in Mendelssohn's "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" or to control the breath in Vaughan Williams's setting of "For all the Saints". In the voice, everyone has a musical instrument at his or her disposal, but you have to be taught how to "play" it. Hymns are wonderful material for the teaching of singing.

Hymns are, moreover, an invaluable source of vocabulary extension. Anyone who regularly wraps his tongue round words such as "amid the encircling gloom", "the tumult of our life's wild restless sea" or "Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb" is bound to have a wider vocabulary than a counterpart who doesn't.

We learn the meanings of words by hearing and using them. If you wilfully restrict the words a child hears to those he already knows then you are trapping him within fixed limits. Education is about widening the horizons of knowledge and understanding.

It doesn't matter if a child cannot define every word because music and poetry can communicate long before they are understood.

Hymns are often also poems. Leaf through any good hymn book and you will see many important poets represented therein: Herbert, Newman, Keble, Christina Rossetti and Bridges, for example. Familiarity with hymn settings of poetry can provide easy access to complex thought.

VIEWPOINT



**Susan Elkin**

I know every word of "He who would true valiant be" from childhood, but I was over 30 before I came to the academic study of Bunyan's theology and writing.

The hymn in my head served as a most useful point of reference. I pity anyone who reaches adulthood deprived of the consoling comfort and beauty of Whittier's words, perfectly complemented by Parry's music:

"*Breathe through the heats of our desire*
*Thy coolness and thy balm*
*Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;*
*Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,*
*O still small voice of calm*"

Singing — and hymns in particular — engenders a great sense of unity. Why else was hymn singing for so long the tradition at the FA Cup Final, on coach outings and in various sorts of club?

Hymns were a shared experience; but that won't be the case for much longer. Today's mainstream schoolchildren are not likely to retain their politically correct, frothy "Family of man keeps growin' " hymns in aduh life, in the way that my generation, Welsh or otherwise, will still willingly sing the majestic "Guide me O thou great Jehovah".

Horrible things are happening to hymns and if we don't work to save them they will disappear altogether. Some schools are already cutting singing out of the daily act of compulsory worship because they find the lack of pupil co-operation an insuperable barrier.

I suggest that if they were given good hymns to sing and were properly trained from the age of five we could have rousing communal music-making in our school assemblies once more.

# Anti-avoidance section efficient

**National Westminster Bank plc and Another v Inland Revenue Commissioners**

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment December 15]

Anti-avoidance provisions announced in the 1993 Budget to prevent financial manipulation of *business expansion schemes* achieved their objective.

For the purposes of section 299A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, inserted by section 111 of the Finance Act 1993, certain eligible shares in qualifying companies were to be taken as "issued" at the time of their registration in the company's register, a date after March 16, 1993, with the result that certain schemes promoted by banks did not achieve their object.

The Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Hirst dissenting, so held in a reserved judgment allowing an expedited appeal by the Crown from the judgment of Mr Justice Rattee (*The Times* August 6; [1993] STC 639) that had given effect to two business expansion schemes promoted by National Westminster Bank plc and Barclays Bank plc. The banks were given leave to appeal to the Lords.

Section 289 of the 1988 Act *provided relief from income tax* where an individual subscribed to a business expansion scheme: subscription had to be for eligible shares in qualifying companies. The provisions were intended to give relief on an investment that a taxpayer could not realise for five years.

Schemes were devised to secure the relief for taxpayers and enabling them to realise their investment immediately by means of taking a loan from an institution promoting a scheme and on which no repayment fell to be made and no interest had to be paid until the shares were realised five years after their issue.

Section 299A sought to prevent such tax avoidance by providing: "(1) An individual shall not be entitled to relief in respect of any shares in a company issued on or after March 16, 1993 if (a) there is a loan made by any person, at any time in the relevant period, to that *individual* ... and *(b) the loan is* one which would not have been made on the same terms if that individual had not subscribed for those shares or had not been proposing to do so."

The scheme promoted by the National Westminster Bank involved five qualifying companies. A prospectus, accompanied by a nominee agreement and an application form, was issued on March 2 offering for subscription 25 million ordinary shares of 50p each at £1 per share payable in full on application.

Anyone subscribing for the shares was offered a loan by the bank on certain terms. The intended result for a higher rate taxpayer who participated in the scheme was that he would recover in the form of the loan after six months more than the net cost to him of his investment after taking into account the section 289 relief.

The application form required investors to make irrevocable offers for shares. By March 10 applications had been received for the 25 million shares. On March 12 successful applicants were informed by letter that shares had been allotted to them.

The five companies registered a nominee company as the holder of all 25 million shares in the company's register on April 2. A similar scheme was sponsored by Barclays Bank.

Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC and Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr Robin Potts, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the banks.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that under the schemes an idea to promote business expansion came to provide vehicles for financial manipulation in order that higher rate taxpayers could without risk to themselves make a profit at the expense of the Revenue. Section 299A was introduced to counter such schemes.

The question arising was simply whether the shares in the qualifying companies were "issued" before March 16, 1993. It raised the fundamental question of what was meant by the issue of a share and at what point of time was the share issued?

The Crown's case was that such shares were "issued" when they were first entered in the register of members of the company as held by its first holder. Before that, there might have been a contract by the company to issue the shares to a person but the shares would not have been issued. The banks' contention, accepted by the judge, was that shares were "issued" when a person became absolutely and unconditionally entitled to them. He was then entitled to be registered, and the registration was merely the recognition and evidence, albeit rebuttable, of his previous title.

The clear message from the chronology of events was that completion of the issue of the shares took place on April 2 when the shares subscribed for were registed and the subscription moneys were paid to the companies.

No reported case decided the precise question. The Companies Acts were not very helpful. There were numerous statments of high authority that the meaning of "issue" depended on the context in which the word was used.

*However, in Oswald Tillotson Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners* ([1933] 1 KB 134) the Court of Appeal held that by sending an applicant a renounceable letter of allotment a company granted a right to have the shares issued to him but that the issue of shares only came when the allottee applied to be put on the register and was put on it. The same should apply where the letter was not expressed to be renounceable: the issue of the shares only came when the allottee was entered in the register as the holder of the shares.

What completed or perfected the title of an allottee of shares was registration or the issue of a certificate and nothing short of that. It followed that the shares in the companies involved in the scheme were not issued until after March 16.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST, dissenting, said that once a binding contract was entered into and allotment had taken place all the essential business features of the transaction had been fulfilled so far as both the taxpayers and the banks were concerned.

At that juncture a taxpayer had made his investment and had acquired a beneficial title to the shares. Registration was a mere formality: it was of no concern whether or not the taxpayer's title to the shares was a strictly legal one so long as it was a beneficial one.

The statutory context of the scheme pointed strongly in favour of the construction advanced by Mr Potts and upheld by the judge. There was nothing in the cases cited by Mr Grabiner to compel a contrary conclusion.

*Mr Justice Rattee had said that* "it makes perfectly good sense that the availability of the relief should depend on a situation having arisen in which each party was irrevocably bound, on the part of the company, to complete these formalities, and on the part of the taxpayer, to submit to their completion."

That conclusion applied the correct test, namely a practical approach in the particular context in which the word "issue" appeared.

LORD JUSTICE MANN, concurring with Lord Justice Dillon, said that it was appropriate that a certain moment could be found and here the certain moment had to be that of registration.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Lovell White Durrant.

# 'Prosecutor's fallacy' in DNA test

**Regina v Deen**

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Latham.

[Reasons December 21]

The "prosecutor's fallacy" of confusing what was known as the DNA match probability with what was known as the likelihood ratio was explained by the Court of Appeal when explaining in outline the basic technicalities of the complex process of DNA (deoxyribonucleicacid) profile matching.

The court was giving reserved reasons for having allowed an appeal, quashed a conviction and ordered the retrial of a man convicted of three rapes who had been sentenced to 16 years imprisonment.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and *Mr Robert Platts, assigned by the* Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Michael Shorrock, QC and Mr Howard Bentham for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reasons of the court, said that the appeal against conviction was brought by leave of the single judge. The main evidence said to link the appellant with one of the rapes was DNA profiling which was crucial to the whole case. *Failure on that count* would inevitably mean failure on all counts.

The process of DNA profiling was extremely complex. Human cells in blood and in semen contained DNA. The process of DNA profiling started with DNA being extracted from the crime stain and also from a sample taken from the suspect.

In each case the DNA was cut into smaller lengths by specific *enzymes. The fragments produced*, which were radioactive, were sorted according to size by a process of electrophoresis. That involved placing the fragments in a gel and drawing them electromagnetically along a track through the gel.

The fragments with smaller molecular weight travelled further than the heavier ones. The pattern thus created was transferred from the gel on to a membrane. Radioactive DNA probes, taken from elsewhere, which bound with the sequences of most interest in the sample DNA probe, were then applied.

After the excess of the DNA probe was washed off, an X-ray film was placed over the membrane to record the band pattern. That produced an auto-radiograph which could be photographed.

When the crime stain and sample DNA from the suspect were run in separate tracks through the gel, the resultant auto-radiographs could be compared. The two DNA profiles could then be said either to match or not.

Even if a number of bands corresponded exactly, any discrepancy between the profiles, unless satisfactorily explained, would show a mis-match and would exclude the suspect from complicity. Thus the first stage in seeking to prove identity by DNA profiling was to achieve a match.

However, unlike fingerprinting, a DNA profiling match was not unique.

The second stage was, therefore, the statistical evaluation of the match. That depended on the number of bands which matched and the frequency in the relevant population of such band matching.

In the present case, a DNA profile was prepared from the semen contained in the vaginal swab taken from the relevant woman. A profile was also prepared from a blood sample taken from the appellant. The profiles were compared by Mr Michael Davey, a forensic scientist from the Home Office Forensic Science *laboratory at Chorley.*

After consultation with other scientists there, he gave evidence that there were 10 matching bands in the two profiles, and he was satisfied there was a match between them.

As to the statistical evaluation, he worked on the basis that bands in the area he concentrated on had an occurrence rate of approximately one in four of the population.

Accordingly he took the figure .26 and since he found 10 matching bands, his calculation was .26 to the power of 10, producing a figure of 1 in 700,000.

However, he did not stop there. Analysis of the appellant's blood showed it to be found in about 25 per cent of the population. Treating that as a discrete characteristic, he again multiplied his figure by .26 and reached a figure of 1 in 3,000,000.

On behalf of the defence, Professor Roberts was called. He challenged Mr Davey's first conclusion that there was a match between the semen in the swab and the appellant's blood.

He said that there were two bands in the profiles which were discrepant. One was visible in the profile of the swab but not in that from the appellant. The other was visible from the appellant's DNA profile.

After an adjournment to enable the professor to examine the autoradiographs, he conceded that one of the two discrepant bands could be explained, as Mr Davey contended, by stringency. That related to the stage of the procedure when the excess of the DNA probe was washed away.

While accepting that, however, Professor Roberts maintained his view that the other discrepancy, a band visible on the appellant's profile but not on that from the vaginal swab, remained unexplained and therefore produced a mis-match.

The case was tried in February 1990 when forensic application of DNA profiling was still in its infancy. The appeal had raised a number of criticisms of the evi*dence at the trial, of the statistical* formulae used and of the summing up. Their Lordships admitted fresh evidence on behalf of the appellant.

Their Lordships did not recite or summarize their evidence because, it was unnecessary in view of the grounds on which they reached their conclusion and it would be undesirable since they had not heard evidence tendered in rebuttal by the Crown and there was to be a retrial.

The judge had said that Mr Davey said that there were 10 matching bands and Professor Roberts said that he was not satisfied about one of them.

That, however, was not the point. The band which concerned Professor Roberts was not one of the 10 said by Mr Davey to match. It was an instance outside those 10 where Professor Roberts said there was a mis-match: a band visible on the appellant's profile but not on that from the swab.

The error was compounded in two later passages: Altogether the jury might have thought that what was in issue was just one of 10 bands, that if both Mr Davey and another could find 10 they had to be right and that even if Professor Roberts was throwing doubt on one of them, 9 out of 10 was good enough for them.

Nowhere did the judge specifically state that if there was even one discrepant band which was not satisfactorily explained, a match would not be established.

Strong criticism was made of the statistical evaluation of the match claimed by Mr Davey and of the judge's summing upon that issue. The figures he gave, even assuming them to be correct, were known to statisticians as the match probability.

But it was fallacious to confuse the match probability with what was known as the likelihood ratio.

There were two distinct questions:

1 What was the probability that an individual would match the DNA profile from the crime sample given that he was innocent?

2 What was the probability that an individual was innocent, given that he matched the DNA profile from the crime sample?

The "prosecutor's fallacy" consisted of giving the answer to the first question as the answer to the second. It was accepted on behalf of the Crown that, certainly at one point in his evidence Mr Davey fell into the trap and was guilty of the prosecutor's fallacy, albeit in answer to a leading question.

Their Lordships appreciated the difficulty in achieving accuracy of expression in that specialist area and also that the present case was an early exercise in a new field. But it was accepted that Mr Davey got it wrong and, unfortunately, that was compounded by observations of the judge in summing up.

The combination of the error as to the defence case about the discrepant band and Mr Davey's error which led the judge to speak of probability approximating "pretty well to certainty" rendered the verdicts unsafe.

There was further expert evidence on appeal but it was unnecessary and undesirable to comment on that. Their Lordships were in no doubt that the appeal had to be allowed and equally in no doubt that the case ought to be re-tried.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Manchester.

# Nexus required for VAT deal

**Customs and Excise Commissioners v Rosner**

Before Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment December 15]

For the value-added tax charged on legal expenses incurred by a taxable person arising out of court proceedings to be deductible as input tax there had to be a nexus between the matters in respect of which the expenses were incurred and the business itself. The mere fact that the business would benefit by the expenditure was not enough.

Mr Justice Latham so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing the appeal of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against the decision of a VAT tribunal allowing Frederick Wolfgang Rosner to claim as input tax the VAT element on legal fees arising in his defence of criminal *charges under the Immigration* Act 1971.

Mrs Melanie Hall for the commissioners; Mr Rosner did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE LATHAM said that the respondent owned and ran a school offering training in international marketing. The students came from foreign countries with most requiring permits which hinged on their attendance at the school.

In 1988 the respondent was convicted, with others, of conspiracy to defraud by providing false information for the purposes of the 1971 Act. He was given a suspended sentence and ordered to pay the prosecution costs of £40,000. He paid his own costs of representation and of an appeal to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal by a student.

He claimed credit for £17,090.55 for input tax under section 14 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 in respect of those costs but they were disallowed by the Customs and Excise. A tribunal allowed his appeal on the ground that the outcome of the criminal proceedings directly affected and was bound up with the purposes of the business so that he might deduct at least part of the tax claimed.

The appellants submitted that the wrong test had been applied since the effect of the outcome of the proceedings on a business was not relevant to whether the input tax was deductible. It was rather a matter of whether there was a sufficient nexus between the criminal activity giving rise to the legal services and the nature of the business to satisfy the words of section 14 of the 1983 Act: "goods or services ... used or to be used for the purpose of any business carried on or to be carried on by *him*".

There had to be a clear nexus between the matters in respect of which the expenses were incurred and the business itself and the nexus could not be that the business would benefit from the expenditure. That distinction was made plain in the tribunal cases.

Any one-man business dependent on the presence of the one man and would collapse if he were sent to prison so it might be said that any expenditure incurred to avoid being imprisoned was for the benefit of the business. But there was no question of describing expenses of a person accused of an offence wholly unrelated to the business as incurred for the purposes of the business. Benefit could not be the test.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

# Benefit akin to insurance

**Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd v Faraji**

When calculating compensation for unfair dismissal, industrial tribunals did not need to make a reduction for invalidity benefit paid to an employee between his dismissal and the tribunal hearing.

Receipt of invalidity benefit could properly be categorised as coming within the "insurance" group of benefits forming an exception to the general rule for compensation that the injured party should be put in the same position as he would have been if he had not sustained the injuries.

Judge Hargrove, sitting in the Employment Appeal Tribunal with Mr J. R. Crosby and Mrs E. Hart, so held on December 14 when dismissing an appeal by Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd from an award of compensation by a London industrial tribunal in January 1992 to the employee, Mr Mustapha Faraji.

HIS HONOUR said that section 74 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 provided that a compensatory award should be the amount a tribunal considered just and equitable in all the circumstances having regard to the loss sustained by the complainant in consequence of the dismissal in so far as that loss was attributable to the action taken by the employer.

Guidance could be obtained from the general rule as to compensation in *British Transport Commissioners v Gourley* ([1956] AC 185, 197).

Invalidity benefit arose as a result of the national insurance scheme and came within the exception to the rule that the injured party should be put in the same position as if he had not sustained the injury.

An industrial tribunal was entitled to look behind the payment of invalidity benefit, enquire what was the nature of the disability and decide whether that was attributable to the activity of the employer in unfairly dismissing him.


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Leanne Benjamin, bringing the dramatic highlights to life in her first Royal Ballet Juliet

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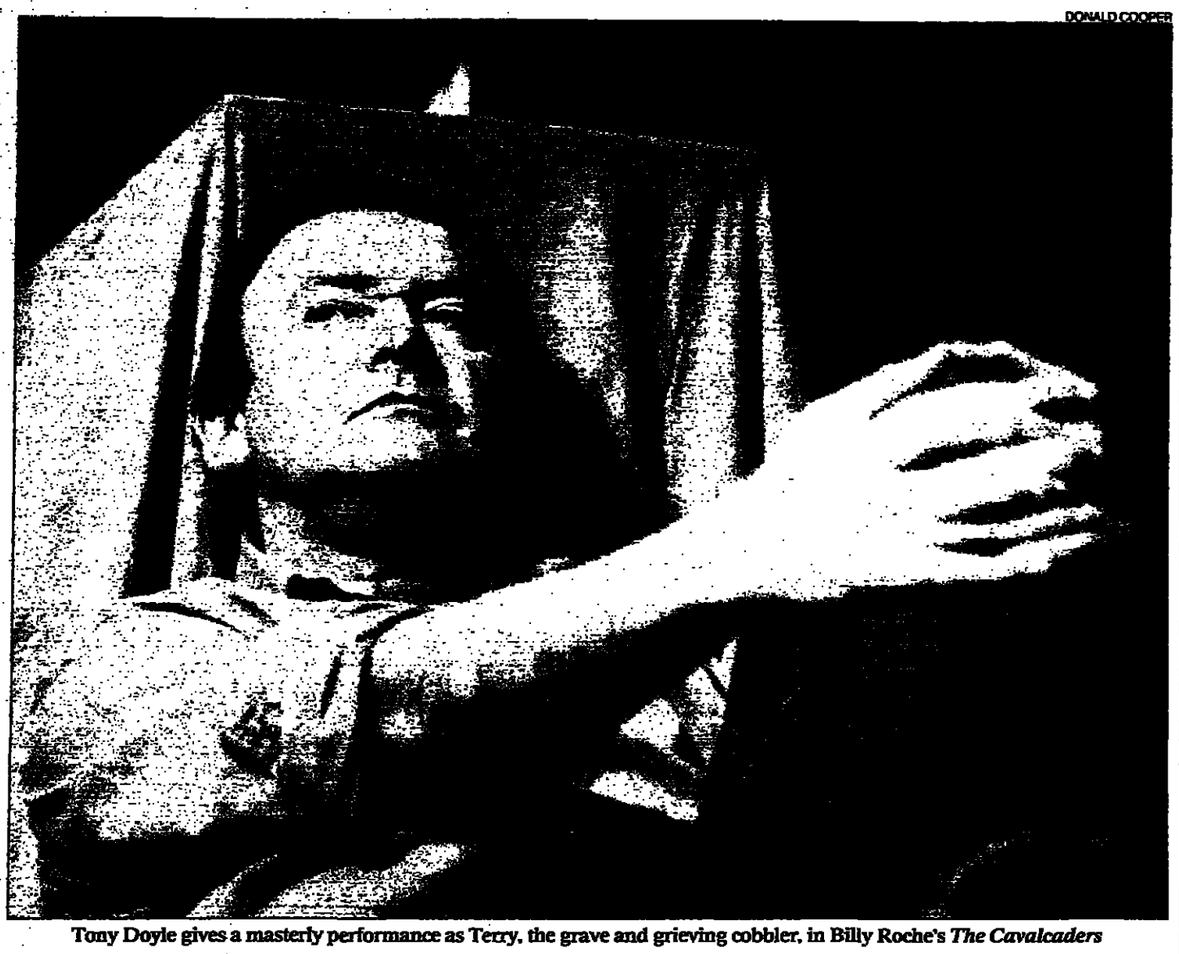
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THEATRE: A serious bout of nostalgia in Ireland; a contender for Silliest Play of the Year; and, below, sibling rivalry in America

## Thanks for the bitter memories

**Benedict Nightingale** finds plenty to challenge the brain cells in Billy Roche's latest play, *The Cavalcaders*



DONALD COOPER

Tony Doyle gives a masterly performance as Terry, the grave and grieving cobbler, in Billy Roche's *The Cavalcaders*

What's surely a key line in Billy Roche's marvellous if sometimes elusive new play comes only moments after curtain-up. "There's going to be no more of this hanging on to stuff for years on end," says the vigorous young man who plans to transform an antique cobblers into yet another glossy high-street shoe emporium. On the face of it, he is referring to the mouldering footwear that clutters the shelves of Frank Conway's shabby grey-green set. In fact, his words echo wryly through a piece which exposes a deeper and more dangerous sentimentality: that of hanging on to memories, getting stuck for years on end in the past.

I first saw *The Cavalcaders* at the Abbey in Dublin last summer, and a second look at Robin Lefèvre's production, now at the Royal Court in London, leaves me with almost more mixed feelings than I expressed then.

The cast is superbly but also maddeningly authentic. You will feel you really are in an obscure corner of downtown Wexford, eavesdropping on the intimacies of people who know one another very well; but the voices are mostly low, bits of the set invisible from the aisles, and the accents not always easy for an English ear to penetrate. Insist on a seat in the centre and near the stage if you wish to make full sense of a play that is already packed with subtleties, unsettling jumps of chronology and other challenges to the brain cells.

Believe me, the effort would be well worth it. *The Cavalcaders* is an Irish memory-play, like Hugh Leonard's *Da* or Brian Friel's *Dancing at Lughnasa*, but with qualities that those warm, genial pieces lack. Like the other plays Roche has set in his native Wexford, from *A Handful of Stars* to *Amphibians*, it exudes nostalgia for a long-lost era of community and cameraderie, fulfilment and fun. Yet the overall mood is far from one of wistful regret. Painful, even brutal things have occurred in times now fondly remembered, and some of them were caused by the habit of nostalgia itself.

> You must listen carefully, because quiet emotion is everywhere

At the play's centre is the master-cobbler Terry, in Tony Doyle's fine performance a grave, grieving figure with much more in his memory-bank than the years he toiled at his ancient last. One flashback reveals that he still carries around a photo of the wife who deserted him two decades before, another that he is even more upset by the loss of the best friend who carried her off. He has also squandered too much time keeping alive the Cavalcaders, the absurdly dated barbershop quartet that his much-loved uncle formed aeons ago. It all adds up to an unhealthy preoccupation with the past, one that has turned him into a bitter, aloof man and, as he himself half-recognises, something of a monster.

One casual affair has followed another, and the most recent of them, with a vulnerable shop-girl much younger than himself, has ended in a disaster that I suppose I had better not reveal. Enough to say that the scene in which Nuala naively tries to penetrate his defences, and Terry responds by manning all his emotional weaponry, is remarkably well written and chillingly played by Doyle and Aisling O'Sullivan. She artlessly fishes for love-talk while his post-coital tristesse escalates into resentment and rage. Suddenly, slurs and snubs of frightening cruelty are cannoning across the stage and, before the smoke has time to clear, the devastation is total.

Other sad and sometimes ugly memories surface. Gary Lydon and Barry Barnes play two close friends whose bust-up parallels the one that still obsesses Terry. Billy Roche himself puts in a brisk, breezy appearance as Josie, a cobbler and Cavalcader somehow sustaining his good humour as he succumbs to cancer.

But it is not Roche's nature to write a play that is simply sad and ugly. He has the Chekhovian virtues — humour, generosity, the ability to see people in the round — as well as a distinctively Irish love of oddity, anecdote and, in the case of *The Cavalcaders*, song. "I've done some queer things in my time, I've a lot to answer for," says Terry, thinking perhaps of the time he and Josie had sex with his uncle's wife. The reply he gets, "Show me the man who hasn't", is Roche's forgiving answer too.

Is this the best thing he has written in his still young dramatic career, as the *Irish Times* has suggested? Compared with *Belfry*, his other memory-play, *The Cavalcaders* seems structurally a bit awkward and confusing. But in more important respects it is accomplished and mature. You must listen carefully, keeping your ear close to both text and sub-text, because quiet emotion is everywhere and few words are wasted.

Towards the end Marie Mullen, playing the one woman who seems fully to love, understand and tolerate the master-cobbler, comes out with four short syllables: "Jesus, Terry." How many other dramatists could leave you feeling *that this simple phrase sums up* two misspent lifetimes, his and her own? In 1994, perhaps only Billy Roche.

## Death as a wry one-liner

**Suicide and Manipulation**
Finborough, SW10

TWELFTH Night has barely passed, and already we have a strong candidate for the title of Silliest Play of 1994. Surprisingly, this comes from Robert Young, who recently won friends galore with his *Tango 'Til You're Sore*, by all accounts a dark and sinister tale of sexual obsession incongruously set in flamenco territory. Perhaps a director more sensitive to tone and atmosphere than Roxana Silbert could give the vaguely Ortonesque happenings of *Suicide and Manipulation* a comparably creepy feel; but somehow I doubt it.

Louis (William Marsh, complete with scowl and stubble) is an avant-garde artist whose idea of creativity is to pin birds on posts, watch them flutter to death, and then glue their feathers on to the spindly chairs that furnish Naomi Wilkinson's set. For reasons never made fully clear, he hankers for death, and actually persuades his girlfriend to join him in an updated version of the tomb scene in *Romeo and Juliet*. Unfortunately, Helen is off in a motel with a married man at the prearranged hour, so he swallows the fatal dose alone.

Now folly and fatuity really come into their own. After Helen (Lesley Vickerage) and her chum Pip (Tracey Mitchell) have drunk a cocktail consisting of vodka and Louis's ashes, the dead man materialises, first on a television set, then in person, claiming that he has been supping with Grace Kelly and Vincent Van Gogh in heaven, which is "like Bermuda, only without the shorts".

Would Helen please give up her unrewarding modelling career, her pointless arties and her empty life, and share a blissful eternity with *him*?

And so she does, herself posthumously appearing on the television screen to report that the afterworld is a sort of Hollywood, where Elvis Presley, Dorothy Parker and others are to be found stuffing themselves with chocs and cakes from some supernatural fridge.

Well, if your sense of humour can safely ingest such suicide-jokes as "But I'll miss Christmas", "Christmas? But we have the cast!", this may be the play for you.

Young has, I suppose, a modest talent for wry one-liners. But if he is trying to expose the spiritual barrenness of the famous and nearly famous, satirise contemporary chic, or anything of the kind, he fails lamentably.

There is no sharpness here, nor much purposeful fun; only a sort of lame flippancy, interminably prolonged. *Tango 'Til You're Sore?* Limp 'Til You're Numb is the public-health warning that should be emblazoned on the billboards outside the Finborough.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



MARILYN KINGWILL

Clive Saunders, Beryl Nesbitt and Mark Houghton go west

## Waging the brother of all battles

**True West**
New End, NW3

FROM the Book of Genesis onward, brothers are commonly presented as belonging to two types, the hairy and the smooth. In Sam Shepard's 1980 play, set in the environs of Los Angeles, the smooth brother is Austin, who has temporarily absented himself from his wife and children, of whom we learn nothing, in order to push a film treatment to a producer. We discover little of his background, except that he is staying in his mother's (or stepmother's) neat home, watering her plants while she is on vacation in Alaska, and is burdened by a toothless stepfather (or father) who drinks in Arizona.

Oh, and he also has a stepbrother: Lee, shaggy, dangerous, gaunt and grimy, who creeps in upon him after five years spent roaming in the desert or gambling on the prowess of his pitbull. Austin does not want him around and is alarmed that he will raid neighbourhood houses and make off with their electrical goods.

The smooth/hairy opposition does not exactly fit the template of Jacob and Esau because Austin is too proper to imagine covering his skin with a fleece. Shepard takes him some way along this route by giving him day-dreams, but these are channelled into uncontentious love stories. The producer is on the point of accepting his script when Lee rips into his brother's dainty world, fascinates the movie mogul and sells him his own outline for a modern Western.

A battle between the brothers is now joined and, to some extent, they slide into each other's characters. Lee pounds away on the typewriter; Austin, now drunk on champagne and whiskey, returns to try out half a dozen stolen toasters — a splendidly comic scene that Clive Saunders' hitherto low-key Austin fully exploits.

And yet the tension that could perhaps be present in Shepard's drama is only fitfully revealed in this production by the Grove Studio. The writing contains serious flaws: Austin is hopelessly placatory in the early scenes, and the author's creative juices flow predominantly into the character of Lee. This half-brother from hell is sustained by Mark Houghton on a pitch of charismatic intensity, with a favourite posture of tipping back his head and peering contemptuously across his chin.

But the reason why the evening delivers less than it promises may be conveyed in the brief programme note. It thanks Paul Bernstein for blocking and cleaning up the direction after the announced director, Dave Paris, "suddenly vanished" to the Baltic states "with his Kabuki-influenced version of *Oklahoma!*".

JEREMY KINGSTON

TELEVISION REVIEW

## Doing a fine Deedes

**Dear Bill**
BBC2

SOMEWHERE in a darkened room, a Fifties black-and-white political newsreel is projected high on a wall. "Then and Now" it is entitled, with a big picture of Big Ben and the usual martial music. Its presenter is William Deedes, MP; and it starts with a stilted sketch set in a bare room with a desk and a portrait of Anthony Eden.

"Well, goodbye Mr Wilson," says Deedes, efficiently shaking hands. "You understand I'm sure it wouldn't be right for an MP to try to influence a local housing committee?" Mr Wilson takes his point, apparently, for he departs abruptly, leaving Mr Deedes to deliver his sales pitch. Given the usual standard, he is exceptionally good on the screen — relaxed and credible — but out there in the dark, his modern-day counterpart gapes in amused horror.

"It's terrible," moans the 80-year-old Deedes, laughing and blinking (he's never watched this stuff before, he says). "I think I'm wearing my demob suit, for God's sake. I can't bear it. It's what people held against the Tory party, the way I talked."

Occasionally a television project is so perfect that you can't believe no one thought of it before; last night's *Dear Bill* by Michael Cockerell (BBC2) was just that. "There it is, it's in the middle of the fairway!" says Bill Deedes to Denis Thatcher (or possibly Denis to Bill), as the old golfing chums obligingly punctuate the programme with a hail-fellow double act over 18 holes. Leaning over a cuttings book, Deedes indicates his early reporting pieces for the *Morning Post*. "Two Brighton Trunk Mysteries — from our special correspondent," it says. Deedes is transported by a warm nostalgia. "Ah now, that was a fine crime ... a lovely murder."

To explain the phenomenon of Bill Deedes — former cabinet minister, former *Daily Telegraph* editor, famous pal of Mr T, original inspiration for Evelyn Waugh's *Scoop*, unrepentant slurrer of "s" sounds — you require precisely the humour, tact and sheer journalistic elegance that Michael Cockerell has brought to all his other portraits of eminent right-wingers, most recently Alan Clark.

Sitting Deedes in a room with his newsreel performances is just the sort of glorious thing Cockerell thinks of. Asking him about his collection of ties is another. Deedes's wife Hilary — who keeps herself busy during their joint interview by carding wool from her Jacob's sheep — remembers their wartime introduction, but they come up with divergent stories, thus revealing that it's a subject untouched in 50 years. Meanwhile, there is a *whack* and a pause. "I shouldn't have done that!" says Denis. "Ah," agrees Deedes, peering into the distance. "That, I think, is rather mishfortunate."

Cockerell never asked Deedes to assess his own career — to weigh the politics against the journalism, for example. Evidently he is a chap who doesn't look back very much, and he claims it's his salvation. But to judge by the advanced competence of those filmed speeches and party politicals, he was certainly a bit mishfortunate to have been scuppered by Profumo in 1963. It was the only note of regret in the film, actually; when Deedes observed his younger self delivering a ministerial speech. "Promising young man," he commented, mock earnest. "Pity about the government."

LYNNE TRUSS

ROCK: UB40 cross cultural, colour and age barriers in a sellout homecoming at Birmingham's NEC

## An old formula, but it still works



JOHN POTTER

Ali Campbell, one of British pop's most distinctive vocalists, lights up the NEC

It is an ironic fact of pop life that those who set out with an anti-stardom agenda often end up more celebrated than the glittering names to whom they sought to provide an alternative. Brothers Ali and Robin Campbell and their large well-drilled crew have succeeded in both having their cake and eating it.

With increasing regularity, UB40 top the charts not only here but in the more complex and hostile market in the United States. Stadiums around the world pulsate to their undemanding, workaday blend of reggae, dancehall and dub. And yet they remain unpretentious, all but anonymous, truly men of the people.

Which is why such a street-party atmosphere warmed the wet roads leading to this Midlands business park for the first of three sellout shows on Saturday night — not just the band's first British performances in two and a half years but, more pertinently, their homecoming before a Birmingham crowd.

And it is a measure of their current stature that even satellite performers are local heroes. Support act Bitty McLean, a former group member, is now a sufficient draw as a solo artist — his single "Tears (Keep Fallin' From My Eyes)" was one of last year's surprise successes — that the majority of the crowd was in place to share each moment of his sweeter, more lachrymose version of the trademark UB40 sound.

The headliners themselves have long since earned the tag of "the Status Quo of reggae", an insulting reference to the way they can make a myriad of different rhythms and melodies sound roughly identical. Water off a duck's back, it seems, and only partly true anyway. To start with, there was a pleasing distinction to be drawn between the punchy horns and chugga-chugga rhythms of their original material ("Promises and Lies", "It's a Long, Long Way", "Higher Ground") and what are the, er, punchy horns and chugga-chugga rhythms of their chain of highly efficient cover version hits ("Red Red Wine", "Homely Girl", "I Can't Help Fallin' in Love" and so on). It was only after the first hour that everything started to blur.

Smart then of the self-effacing Ali Campbell, whose laconic style and nasal tones make him one of the most distinctive vocalists in British pop, to take a back seat from time to time. With band members Ernie B, Norman Hassan, Astro and others bringing rap, toasting and pure rabble-rousing to the fore, the pace accelerated cleverly towards the end, culminating in fine, brooding versions of two particularly celebrated hits, "Don't Break My Heart" and "Rat in Mi Kitchen".

And if the set as a whole was well performed but one-paced and unsurprising, it only repeated the formula that has kept UB40 at the top for over ten years. Judging from an audience unusually diverse by stadium standards, their music crosses barriers of culture, colour and age — one nation under that distinctive groove. No wonder their home city is so proud of them.

ALAN JACKSON

## TODAY'S EVENTS

**A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson**

### LONDON

**COMPOSERS ENSEMBLE**: A concert to celebrate the birthdays of Sir Harrison Birtwistle, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and John Woolrich. In addition to works by these composers, the programme includes two London premieres: the young, highly-rated Thomas Adès' *Life Story*, conducted by Adès, and Woolrich's own *Lending Wings*. Plus first UK public performances of Monteverdi's *Favola in Musica II*, *arranged by Woolrich, and Franco* Donatoni's *Hot*. Diego Masson conducts, with John Harle, saxophone, Mary Wiegold, soprano, and Meriel Dickenson, mezzo soprano.
**St John's**, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm.

**E D R.** The excellent Black Mime Theatre company gives a taste of things to come in the London International Mime Festival with a strong production about the emptiness of prison life. The *initials stand for Earliest Date of Release.*
**Lilian Baylis**, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-837 4104). Tonight, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Until Jan 29.

**MOSCOW CITY BALLET**: The *Russian troupe, familiar to British dance* fans through its many tours over here, moves to Sadler's Wells for a week-long season that features productions of *The Sleeping Beauty* and *Swan Lake*.
**Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916). Today-Sat, 7.30pm: mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

*NORTH AMERICAN DUO: American* oboist Mark Weiger and Canadian pianist Arthur Rowe offer up an eclectic programme, including works from Gustav Schreck, Benjamin Britten, Lille Bror Soderlundh, JS Bach, Makoto Shinohara and Stanislas Vermoust.
**Blackheath Concert Halls**, 23 Lee Road, SE3 (081-463 0100). Tonight, 8pm.

### ELSEWHERE

**BAGNOR**: Last week to catch the wonderfully good fun musical frolic *The Ugly Duckling*, otherwise known as *The Aesthetically Challenged Farmyard Fowl*. Written by George Stiles and Anthony Drew.
**Watermill**, (0635 46044). Today-Sat, 2.30pm and 7pm.

**GLASGOW**: Dougie MacLean, one of Scotland's favourite singer-songwriters, headlines tonight's contribution to **Celtic Connections**, along with the great musicianship of Ireland's Altan. And not to be missed for children, Ian Turbitt's Puppet Theatre features traditional puppets jigging and reeling to the accompaniment of the bodhran. Plus foyer entertainment.
*Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street* (041-227 5511). Tonight, 7.30pm. Children's show, daily, at 11am (£1 admission). 3326633

**MANCHESTER**: Also the last week for this year's Christmas show for children *of all ages*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Adapted and directed by Bryan Bailey.
**Contact**, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). School show matinees, then Wed-Sat, 7.30pm and Sat, 2pm.

### LONDON GALLERIES

**British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Crafts Council**: Woodcarver's Craft, to Jan 15 (071-278 7700) ... *Festival Hall: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs*, to Jan 23 (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins, to Jan 23 (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum, to Jan 23 (071-439 7438) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists; Turner's Vignettes, to Jan 23 (071-887 8008)

## THEATRE GUIDE

**Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London**

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY**: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
**Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **ANORAK OF FIRE**: Return of Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession. James Holmes plays the *dedicated hero*.
**Arts**, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 6pm.

☐ **THE BFG**: Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his seasonally festive call on London. Final week of performances.
**Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tonight, 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm; Sat 11am, 2.30pm and 7pm.

◪ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the *familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin*.
**Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **THE CAVALCADERS**: *Another* marvellous play from Billy Roche, set in a *cobbler's shop: a man is haunted by* the memory of a woman who betrayed him. Dublin's Abbey Theatre production, directed by Robin Lefevre.
**Royal Court**, Sloane Square SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Till Feb 5.

☐ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial and wittily performed American homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
**Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm (Fri half price) and 8.30pm. *Final week of performances.*

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
**Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

☐ **MACBETH**: Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound and his dame in Adrian Noble's new production.
**Barbican**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mats Tue and Thurs, 2pm.

◪ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE**: French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
**Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm

☐ **MERRY WIVES**: Barry Rutter brings his Northern Broadsides company - "launched as a vehicle for the Northern Voice" - down south for a rumbustious version of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.
**Lyric**, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). *Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Final* week of performances.

◪ **ONE MAN**: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's Telltale Heart; Actor; and Dog, his hilarious, chilling view of life *as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler*.
**Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **PIAF**: Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
**Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

☐ **THE SCHOOL FOR WIVES**: Ian McDiarmid as Arnolphe and Emma Fielding his ward Agnes, head a strong cast in Molière's affecting comedy.
**Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
**Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD**: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. *With Denis Quilley, Julia McKenzie.*
**National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm.

☐ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA**: The sparkle has faded from David Thacker's touring production, in its final week of London performances.
**Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

### LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ☐ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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## CINEMA GUIDE

**Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country**

### NEW RELEASES

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al *Pacino's gangster go straight?* Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller.
**Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

**FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
**Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) *Lumiere (071-836 0691)* **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

**MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill *Pullman's New England college town* domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker
**MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Marble Arch** (0426-914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

**MENACE II SOCIETY** (18): Drugs, sex and relentless violence in Los Angeles' black ghetto. Unedifying directing *debut by 20 year-old twins, Allen and* Albert Hughes
**Electric** (071-792 2020) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

**SURVIVING DESIRE**: Three elegant, crisp and airless short films from *American independent Hal Hartley*, showing during the January season, "New York, No Picnic".
**ICA** (071-930 3647)

### CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
**Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun.
**MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

**CENTURY** (15): Stephen Poliakoff's muddled dissection of science and morality in turn-of-the-century London. With Clive Owen, Charles Dance and Miranda Richardson. But watch for Joan Hickson as a philanthropist.
**Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
**MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) *UCI Whiteleys* (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

**MAC** (18): Refreshing, old-fashioned salute to the common man from actor, co-writer and director John Turturro
**Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama. Eastwood also directs.
**Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) *Warner* (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel. Score by Michael Nyman.
**MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS** (PG): Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Patrick Stewart, Isaac Hayes and Tracey Ullman.
**MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) *Oxford Street (071-636 0310)* **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DANCE IN LONDON

# Expressive Juliet delights on debut

Here is something that has long puzzled me: why in **Romeo and Juliet** does Juliet's nurse not recognise Romeo when she brings his lover's message? After all, she knew him well enough only a few hours earlier. Yes, I know the oddity is in Shakespeare's text, but Prokofiev's *music for the ballet makes more of the* incident — in both cases apparently just as an excuse for bawdy jokes.

If these are to be worthwhile, they need to be more robustly done than they were at Covent Garden on Thursday. True, Jacqui Tallis's otherwise surprisingly morose nurse mellowed at that point, but she lacks adiposity, physical or temperamental. And although Stuart Cassidy's agreeably butch Romeo and Errol Pickford's wiry Mercutio did everything laid down for them in the way of acting, they seemed more concerned to show what they could make of their solos.

Who is to blame them, with an audience apparently more eager to applaud every set number than to be over-bothered with drama? Luckily Leanne Benjamin, playing her first Juliet in this production, is not the sort to be put off by this.

For her, dance is always dramatic. As expected, she brought all the familiar highlights to vivid life: it is a long time, for instance, since the famous run off stage, cloak trailing behind her, looked so precipitate. But she already has some nuances of her own, too, such as the intense, inward-turning determination with which she returns strengthened by Friar Laurence's advice.

I hardly know which to admire more: the way she inflects the solos and duets for expressiveness, or the im*mense, quickly varying detail of facial* expression and the way she can drop ballet attitudes altogether for moments of naturalistic acting.

We do not exactly expect much drama in **The Nutcracker**, which continues at the Festival Hall. Yuri Klevtsov's departure from English National Ballet has brought in another guest dancer as the Prince. Thordal Christensen, from Copenhagen, is tall, blond, a fine partner and with elegance if not much excitement in his solos.

He makes a good foil for Susan Jaffe's Sugar Plum Fairy and Irena Pasaric's Snow Queen. Hailing respectively from America and Croatia, they both use ballet's unspoken language fluently although with different accents: Pasaric the more involved, Jaffe a little withdrawn for all her warmth and charm. A final thought: young Yat Sen Chang does the steps of the Gopak solo more spectacularly, but the veteran Kevin Richmond gets more applause thanks to punchy presentation. Enough said?

JOHN PERCIVAL

LESLIE SPATT



Star-cross'd lovers in full flow: Leanne Benjamin and Stuart Cassidy

## CONCERTS: Fine Wigmore recitals in London; and a bold Hallé programme in Manchester

# Drawn from the medieval

Long, long ago, in the times of the Crusades, three lads joined the army of the King of France, and had a long shaggy-dog story told about them *in song, by a group of Sephardic Jews*, onlookers in exile. I don't intend, never fear, to tell that story; and neither does the composer Judith Weir. Instead she has hummed its plangent tune into her own musical being, and spun an unbroken set of ten variations on it. The resulting piano piece for **Susan Tomes** was given its London premiere at the Wigmore Hall on Wednesday.

Weir's continuing response in many of her compositions to folk music from all over the world, including her native Scotland, is beguilingly sure. It is as if everywhere she recognises a particular tone of voice as part of a continuum of human language, salutes it, then sings it out in celebration.

*The King of France* not only refracts the shapes and rhythms of the original melody in a plethora of piano techniques, but it also imagines the quality and movement of sound itself in a hot, desert landscape. Fragments oscillate between the two hands like the dance of a mirage. Bright chords glare between long distances of brittle movement. After some eight minutes, a lone voice turns and intones in the dry air. It is all over but, like a true musical *nomad*, it could start all over again.

Tomes, a loyal champion of Weir's music, both as a solo pianist and chamber musician, brought a real *sense of occasion to the premiere. She* framed it with Mozart and Schubert, no less, and followed it, shrewdly, with three Nocturnes by Fauré. Tomes's playing is undemonstrative to a fault: there were times in her Mozart Sonata in B flat, K570, when the art of understatement threatened to dull the music's spirit. But if this was not the most exploratory performance ever, her apparent nonchalance, particularly in the last movement, often disclosed some witty interchange of ideas.

For Schubert's late A major Sonata, D959, Tomes's serenity as an artist came into its own. This sonata works on the scale of a symphony, and she had the measure of its inner time. The full tone of her quiet playing and its rhythmic assurance made of the slow movement a long winter journey, broken by sighs and tremblings.

HILARY FINCH

# Lovely voice in top form

Combining a voice of great beauty and warmth with rare intelligence, **Joan Rodgers** also has the insight neither to overstate nor under*state anything. Her pianist in this* Wigmore Hall recital, **Roger Vignoles**, responds to texts and line with as acute a poetic sensibility as any of his singers. Put them together on their best form in a programme as intelligent as this and a memorable evening is bound to follow.

They began with eight of Wolf's Mörike settings, the first of them the seasonal and vocally challenging "Zum neuen Jahre" ("For the New Year"). It took about three seconds for the voice to settle itself, and then the feast began. We gorged gratefully. Here was a singer whose involvement with the music, never for one moment with herself, would have beguiled even the most reluctant listener. Not that there were any of those present.

Rodgers's sturdy richness of voice in the rapt "Gebet" ("Prayer") only increased the charge in the air, while she injected much magic into the transformation from breeziness to reflection halfway through "Auf einer Wanderung" ("On a walk"). The sensuous "An den Schlaf" ("To sleep") had a lovely sense of space, and Rodgers summoned a surprisingly boyish quality to evoke the naive, heartbroken protagonist in "Das verlassene Mägdlein" ("The forsaken servant-girl").

But that was only the beginning. *Berg's Seven Early Songs, combining* flavours of Debussy, early Schoenberg and Strauss, brought yet further colours, yet deeper and more intimate passions; and in music by Strauss himself — six songs from Op 10, composed in 1885 with the imagination still fresh — there were several individual moments that illustrated vividly Rodgers's marriage of technical prowess and poetic sensibility.

The high B flat which closed "Nichts" ("Nothing"), negotiated to perfection; or the exquisite colouring of the last word in "Die Georgine" ("The dahlia") — "Schmerz", or pain — with a restraint that meant it was not divorced from the flow of the line: such details mark out the great singers, as does the ability, shown here, to carry off music like Schoenberg's Cabaret Songs without too self-conscious a swagger.

STEPHEN PETTITT

# Bach to modern Vienna

Kent Nagano could scarcely have made his point more clearly: his New Year Viennese programme with the **Hallé Orchestra** at the Free Trade *Hall contained not a note of Johann* Strauss, but instead had a few notes by Webern and more than a few by Alban Berg. Schoenberg was conspicuously absent. Beethoven reassuringly present, and — by virtue of his significant contribution to Berg's Violin Concerto — J.S. Bach made a guest appearance just before the interval.

Actually, welcome though the Chaconne in D minor was, in an effortlessly controlled and luminously sonorous performance by Viktoria Mullova, the cantata "O Ewigkeit du Donnerwort" would obviously have been more *relevant, particularly if it had come* before the Violin Concerto which so fruitfully alludes to it and if it had been balanced by another vocal work after the interval. In the event Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, though undeniably Viennese, cut the programme in two.

It was only later, well into an unexpectedly dynamic interpretation of the Beethoven, that one was compelled to abandon speculation on what might have been and to concentrate on what was actually happening. The orchestral sound here was not the most refined that Kent Nagano has ever *secured from the Hallé but it was fresh*, dramatic and, where appropriate — as in the little oboe cadenza in the first movement and the bassoon solo towards the end of the second — touchingly expressive.

Refinement was more to the point in Webern's Five Pieces, Op 10, and the comparatively small ensemble involved was remarkably successful in achieving it. But it would be useful to consolidate the obviously detailed preparation for this performance by returning to it at an early stage.

If the Berg Violin Concerto made the more profound impression it was not only because it is the more substantial and the more conventionally structured work. It was also because of Mullova's secure and serious performance. It was deficient in playfulness in the treatment of the Carinthian rhythms in the first part of the second movement but, in an interpretation which so consistently refused to patronise the work, that was more than acceptable alongside the virtues of clarity and purity of line and a partnership with the orchestra requiring no compromise on either side.

GERALD LARNER


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How Marcus Rothkowitz became Mark Rothko

# The man the past never left alone

**Julia Neuberger**

MARK ROTHKO
A Biography
By James E.B. Breslin
*Chicago University Press, £30.95*

The abstract expressionist Mark Rothko, born Marcus Rothkowitz, was a complex, larger than life, bear of a figure. A slob and clumsy with it, he was not only physically but emotionally and intellectually large: demanding, often childish, with a great propensity for falling out with people, and with an unshakeable loyalty to others.

His emigration from Russia (Dvinsk, now Daugavpils) in 1913 at the age of ten, to Portland, Oregon, his father's death shortly afterwards, and his own return journey across America to become a student at Yale, made him angry, displaced, and difficult.

*His relationship with his* mother remained complicated, but that was only one part of what he found difficult to handle about himself — his Jewishness, his immigrant status, being an outsider. In his teenage years in the ghetto of Portland, he won a scholarship to Yale, home of the American WASP, then curiously anti-intellectual in its social mores and determined to keep out bright Jewish immigrants.

At Yale, the anti-Semitism was of a different order from anything he had experienced before. It existed in the fraternity houses, clubs, sporting events. Either your face fitted, and you were invited to join everything. Or it did not, and you never participated, unless you created the opportunity for yourself, as Rothko and friends did with an intellectual magazine that soon folded, *The Yale Saturday Evening Post*. Intensely serious, and hard up, Rothkowitz left early without a degree.

In Breslin's account, this is a turning point. Rothko recognises he is the eternal outsider; cosmopolitan New York has more to offer. Though destined to be desperately poor for years, moving to New York, *learning to paint, teaching in* Brooklyn, all contributed to making him aware that he could never be part of the wealthy, cultured, snobbish East Coast establishment. His face did not fit.

Breslin is determined that the reader should understand Rothko the outsider. He changed *his name, as many* Jewish immigrants did. Most would have changed it to Roth, easier to say but still decidedly Jewish. But his new name, Rothko, was unplaceable. It matched what he wished to be himself.

He never managed it. His own desire for self-dramatisation made it difficult. When he reminisced about his childhood by the river Dvina, and told of terrible massacres of Jews, no one doubted him. But whatever the horrors of the Kishinev pogrom and others, there is no evidence of a pogrom in Dvinsk. He spoke of mass graves, but again that was a later phenomenon, during the Holocaust. Breslin himself describes the area in the forest where the graves are, and how the odd leg or piece of jawbone still sticks out of the earth on which grass will not grow. The Rothkowitzes were spared that horror *through emigration. Yet Roth*ko could not dissociate himself from it, whether in dramatising his childhood experience, in his dark view of humanity, or in discussions with Germans who wanted to put on exhibitions of his work.

Breslin's achievement is a detailed biography of Rothko the man, sparked off by a love for Rothko's paintings. It pulls no punches. It tries to understand the complexity of the man who had two broken marriages, yet needed family, a difficult relationship with his daughter, yet wanted children, a smoker, drinker, eater of unhealthy food, a lover of women. Despite all the *personal difficulties*, he made a sort of sense out of his life, alongside his success, until real ill-health struck and he took his own life in 1970.

Without in any sense forgiving Rothko for some quite intolerable behaviour, Breslin maps out a route to understanding him. That he succeeds in so doing comes as a result of his empathy, in addition to his thorough scholarship and the personal journeys he made to research this volume, making it both compelling and moving.



*Untitled*, 1948, oil on canvas, from *The Art of Mark Rothko*, edited by Mark Glimcher, (Barrie & Jenkins, £55)

## PAPERBACKS

MADAME DOUBTFIRE
**By Anne Fine**
*Penguin, £3.99*

ANYONE who has already seen the film *Mrs Doubtfire* (general release January 28) will know that, in the best *tradition of the panto*mime dame, Madame Doubtfire is a man. Not just any man but the father of the children "she" becomes housekeeper to. The three Hilliard children are bounced between their divorced parents — a temperamental working mother and an out-of-work actor father. Their mother's efforts to separate father from children lead him to apply, under layers of Apricot Creme foundation and voluminous salmon garments, for the job of caring for them. This story is more *than mere farce.* Although the final reconciliation between husband and wife is a bit implausible, the children's divided loyalties are clearly and painfully drawn.

CASSANDRA AT THE WEDDING
**By Dorothy Baker**
*Virago, £5.99*

ON A stifling June day, Cassandra Edwards leaves her unsatisfactory campus life and her unsatisfactory doctoral thesis to drive to the family ranch for her sister's wedding. The marriage is not a happy event for her but a major loss. She and Judith are identical twins and, almost against her will, she does the only thing she can to hold her sister. Narrated mainly in Cassandra's wry, throwaway, Sixties voice, the novel gives an extraordinarily vivid inside view of a symbiotic twin relationship and of the pains of separation it must involve if either party is to survive. This is a real feat of empathy and imagination.

REALLY THE BLUES
**By Mezz Mezzrow**
*Flamingo, £7.99*

FIRST published in 1946, this is the remarkable tale of an unremarkable jazz clarinettist who nonetheless played with some hotshot musicians of the 1920s and 1930s, Sidney Bechet among them. Where Mezzrow stands out is in his obsession with jazz and the blues: so much so that he, a nice white Jewish boy, identified with blacks to the point where, sent to prison for selling marijuana, he demanded to be housed with the black prisoners. A glossary helps with the arcane language of hip.

● *Contributors: Katherine Bergen, Hazel Leslie, Chris Campling*

# Magyar's homage to Czech mate

**Tibor Fischer**

THE BOOK OF HRABAL
**By Peter Esterházy**
**Translated by Judith Sollosy**
*Quartet, £12.95*

One of my most vivid memories of a visit to Hungary in 1983 is of being driven around the countryside in a Ministry of Agriculture limousine (arranged by an uncle), not to sample the rural sights, but in an attempt to find a small, quiet book shop (with an unhip clientele) which might have a copy of *Esterházy's novel Fuharosok*.

Esterházy's books were hard to obtain, not because they were unpopular, but precisely because they were so popular. In Budapest, his books would disappear within days of reaching the shops (though often they wouldn't even get as far as the shelves, since they would be divvied up by the book shop staff and their friends and family).

Now 43, Esterházy is widely regarded as Hungary's top gun, and has been since his early thirties. György Konrád is probably the best-known Hungarian novelist in the West, but back home, Esterházy has held on to the number one slot — an almost unique achievement when you consider that nothing pains a Hungarian as much as having the same opinion as another Hungarian. A scion of the aristocratic family that had Haydn on its payroll, Esterházy and his family were placed in internal exile during the Stalinist years (although of course Esterházy was too young to be bothered by it). He's a mathematician, and a useful footballer.

According to the dust-jacket, *The Book of Hrabal* is Esterhazy's 16th novel. Well, not by my count it isn't, but I wouldn't like to argue which of his publications are novels and which aren't. *Fuharosok*, for example, is 46 pages long (with big, big letters), and, to my mind, is only branded as a novel because it says so on the title page. Most of Esterházy's oeuvre is of a brevity that makes Beckett look prolix.

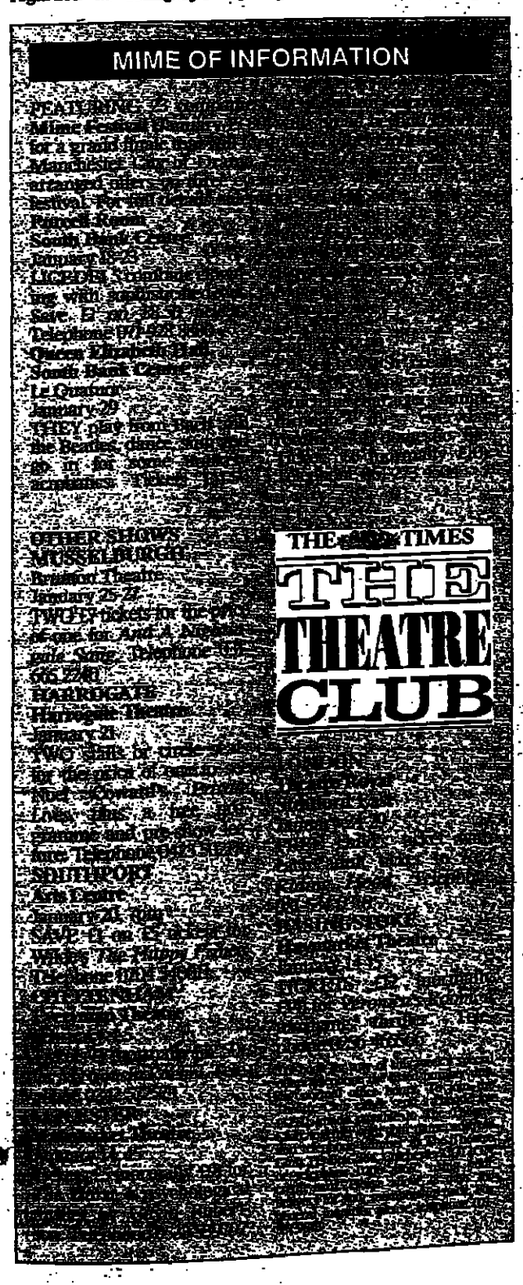
His world is one of verbal pyrotechnics, where the story is often the language itself. Perhaps this flight from reality was a consequence of living under a regime not noted for its tolerance of criticism, that is to say any accurate portrayal of life. Unlike Konrád, who likes nothing more than a good ruck, Esterházy has only recently dipped his toe in political waters — he is currently, with a group of other writers — boycotting Hungarian Television in protest at what he sees as government interference (though in the traditional Hungarian fashion another group of writers is protesting against the protest).

However, perhaps exactly because of the abstract nature of his writing, his readers were gleefully fishing out lampoons from his prose. *Fuharosok* (*The Removal Men*) was seen as a reference to the Soviets who, after the war, removed everything that wasn't nailed down (and many things that were). The capital letters of *Kis Magyar Pornográfia* (*A Little Hungarian Pornography*) of 1984 spell out the acronym of the prewar Communist party. Anyway, that's what people were saying.

"A novelist is a story-teller, after all," we are told in *The Book of Hrabal*. But Esterházy ain't. It is tricky to identify a storyline here. The novel is set in 1988-89, when the Communists were busy getting jobs with investment banks, and it revolves around a writer and his wife. The writer (who bears an uncanny resemblance to Esterházy) worries about his work celebrating the Czech writer Bohumil Hrabal. His wife Anna, worries about her fourth pregnancy and whether to terminate it. God (aka the Lord, aka Bruno) is the third protagonist, sending angels to watch over Anna, chatting with Hrabal, taking saxophone lessons from an irreverent Charlie Parker.

Esterházy is a brilliant stylist rather than a plot merchant, and the book progresses through a series of shifting perspectives and changing tones rather than action. It is deeply allusive and playful, despite being one of his most accessible works. Esterházy is the best of a generation (Nádas, Temesi, Fábry) who have forsaken linear narrative. This is the frontline of Hungarian literature, but be warned: you have to pay close attention.

*Tibor Fischer's first novel* Under the Frog *(Penguin) was shortlisted for the 1993 Booker Prize.*




# Melodrama and mawkishness



Audrey Hepburn: did Old Hollywood die with her?

James Spada's exhaustive biography of Bette Davis, **More Than A Woman** *(Little Brown, £17.50)*, ably *sets the turbulent career of* "the Fourth Warner Brother" against a private life which, with its abortions, adultery, sexual blackmail and alienated children, outdoes even the steamiest Warner melodramas. The title becomes increasingly ironic as Davis sinks into the familiar drag queen's mannerisms and the tale sensational in its hints that she may have killed her second husband and brain-damaged her second child.

If Davis's life is the stuff of melodrama, Audrey Hepburn's resembles a fairy-tale, most specifically Cinderella, an archetype which she played in many of her most celebrated films. Her recent death has spawned two biographies. The mawkish tone of the first, Diana Maychick's **Audrey** *(Sidgwick & Jackson, £15.99)*, can be judged by its acknowledgement, "There is no doubt that Audrey Hepburn is the prettiest, sweetest angel in Heaven, but I want to thank her for sharing so much of her time on earth with me." What she failed to share was her elegance, discretion, intelligence or wit. **Audrey Hepburn** by Sheridan Morley *(Pavilion, £14.99)*, is a concise but authoritative account of her career, lavishly illustrated and stylishly produced.

Morley sees Hepburn's death as the death of Old Hollywood, and, if her successors are actors as antipathetic as Mel Gibson, anatomised in books as inept as Wensley Clarkson's **Mel** *(Blake, £14.99)*, the loss is doubly cruel. The book is a mishmash of hyperbole and hypothesis. He even has to estimate Gibson's height; it is sloppily edited—key stories are repeated 200 pages apart — and printed in suspiciously large type, as if to compensate both for the author's lack of insight and the reader's inattention.

There is no attempt to analyse Gibson's appeal, except on the most basic (bottom-baring) level, or his stance as a devout Catholic who has starred in some of cinema's most gratuitously violent films.

If Gibson is the hunk who played Hamlet, Sean Connery is the spy who longed to play Macbeth. **Great Scot** *(Bloomsbury, £15.99)*, John Hunter's attractively lean account of the actor's life, moves nimbly from the impoverished Edinburgh upbringing to the *South Pacific* chorus-line, and from the glamour of Hollywood to the grit of nationalist politics. Hunter is as good on the Ian Fleming side of Bond as on the Cubby Broccoli and paints a powerful portrait of one of Britain's few truly international stars.

The latest addition to that firmament is Anthony Hopkins, currently in his post-knighthood, post-Oscar, "can do no wrong phase"; although, as Michael Feeney Callan's biography **Anthony Hopkins** *(Sidgwick & Jackson, £15.99)*, makes clear, in his early life, he did a great deal of wrong indeed. Callan vividly portrays a hell-raiser tortured by his own demons, desperate to avoid comparison with his compatriot, Richard Burton, while setting himself against the other greats. The book is unusually frank both about personality clashes in the classical theatre and Hopkins's youthful friendship with writer-director, Peter Gill.

While Connery and Hopkins are stars in both Europe and America, Ken Russell and Sarah Miles remain local luminaries. Despite minor flirtations, Russell was never embraced by Hollywood; and, in his often infuriating, but always stimulating, polemic, **Fire Over England** *(Hutchinson, £18.99)*, the British cinema's *grandpère terrible* blends analysis, assessment and anecdotes of homegrown product from Jessie Matthews's *Evergreen* to his own *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. Bouquets for the lame Julie Walters vehicle, *She'll Be Wearing Pink Pyjamas*, and brickbats for *The Crying Game* reveal judgments as eccentric as his films.

Sarah Miles does not play the Hollywood card in the first volume of her autobiography, **A Right Royal Bastard** *(Macmillan, £16.99)*; indeed, she barely plays the Pinewood. Instead, she offers an impressionistic account of an eccentric upbringing (with family nicknames that rival the Mitfords), childhood games of gynaecologists and nurses, expulsion from Roedean for revelations to royalty, and an intimate encounter with a prostitute. The style is artless, at times breathless; but she is admirably candid about her *affair with guards officer Wil*ly (later James) Fox and the gruesome details of her abortion.

Hollywood is well represented in Ned Sherrin's **In His Anecdotage** *(Virgin, £16.99)*. Is there any finer example of stellar vanity than Mae West's "When you think about it, what other playwrights are there besides O'Neill, Tennessee and me?". This scintillating mix of tall tales and table talk from artists, writers, politicians, lawyers and sportsmen cloys only in the case of royalty, where conversational plums are buried in historical stodge. I would not have missed Madame de Gaulle's wish for "a penis" and the General's admonition that "in English, it is pronounced 'happiness'," for the world.

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| 4,108.20 | Chase Manh | 2257½ | -78½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 9,420.70 | Citicorp | 2487 | -12 | ... | ... | ... |
| 240.40 | Close Bros | 533 | +37 | ... | 2.6 | 19.4 |
| 4,374.00 | Commerzbk | £147½ | -50½ | ... | 2.7 | ... |
| 15,907.30 | Deutsche Bk | £334 | -107¾ | ... | 1.5 | ... |
| 104.60 | First Nat Fin | 61 | +4 | ... | 1.0 | ... |
| 40,363.90 | Fuji Bank Y | 1401 | ... | ... | 0.4 | ... |
| 189.90 | Gerrard Nat | 483 | +15 | 21.5 | 5.6 | 12.8 |
| 7,555.20 | HSBC | 920 | -54 | 20.0 | 2.7 | 22.0 |
| 15,977.50 | HSBC HK | 956 | -55 | 20.0 | 2.7 | 22.4 |
| 443.50 | Hambros | 289 | -4 | 14.3 | 4.6 | 18.0 |
| 21.90 | Joseph (L) | 416 | ... | 16.7 | 5.0 | ... |
| 21.20 | King Shaxson | 134 | ... | 9.0 | 8.4 | ... |
| 741.30 | Kleinwort Bsd | 591 | -8 | 16.7 | 3.5 | 20.5 |
| 5,110.60 | Lloyds | 634 | -28 | 19.1 | 3.8 | 18.1 |
| 59.00 | Lon Scot Bk | 96 | +1 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 19.0 |
| 7,385.60 | Nat Aust Bk | 562 | -2 | ... | 4.0 | ∞ |
| 10,221.20 | Nat West | 615 | -5 | 17.6 | 3.6 | 37.4 |
| 623.00 | Provident | 486 | +12 | 12.4 | 3.3 | 20.2 |
| 24.30 | Rea Bros | 82 | +5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 65.9 |
| 5,092.10 | Rsl Bk Scot | 465 | +4 | ... | 3.0 | 21.0 |
| 1,381.70 | Schroders | 1368 | ... | ... | 1.1 | 27.3 |
| 2,683.90 | Stand Chart | 1211 | -31 | 20.5 | 2.1 | ... |
| 3,555.70 | TSB | 254 | +12 | 6.4 | 3.1 | ... |
| 31.50 | Union Disc | 166 | -1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 2,049.50 | Warburg SG | 663 | +32 | ... | 2.6 | 14.1 |
| 4,771.20 | Wells Fargo | 9612½ | -212½ | ... | 2.3 | ... |
| 1,629.20 | Westpac | 207 | -4 | ... | 2.6 | ∞ |
| 20.50 | Wintrust | 313 | -2 | 9.3 | 3.7 | 28.0 |

## BREWERIES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5,927.30 | Allied-Lyons | 609 | -11 | ... | 4.0 | 18.6 |
| 5,103.60 | Bass | 586 | +52 | ... | 4.2 | 15.0 |
| 128.90 | Boddington | 291 | -4 | 7.5 | 3.4 | 16.4 |
| 212.60 | Bulmer (HP) | 405 † | -2 | ... | 3.2 | 16.3 |
| 35.30 | Burtonwd Brw | 184 | +4 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 15.4 |
| 30.10 | Eldridge P | 159 † | -14 | ... | 2.9 | ... |
| 2,027.90 | Fosters Brewing | 65 | -2½ | ... | 4.3 | ... |
| 38.40 | Fuller Sm A | 435 † | +12½ | 7.5 | 2.2 | 16.6 |
| 10,077.50 | Grand Met | 494 | +8½ | ... | 4.4 | 18.5 |
| 962.10 | Greenall Grp | 461 † | +6½ | ... | 3.4 | 15.9 |
| 273.10 | Greene King | 551 † | ... | ... | 2.8 | 15.4 |
| 9,519.10 | Guinness | 489 | +11½ | ... | 3.1 | 18.3 |
| 60.50 | Harrs Hansn | 241 | +2 | 5.5 | 4.5 | ∞ |
| 3.43 | Heavitree | 135 | ... | 3.0 | 2.8 | 32.2 |
| 452.00 | Highland Dist | 351 | -1 | ... | 2.3 | 17.6 |
| 94.50 | Holt J | 3150 | -25 | 42.0 | 1.7 | 20.5 |
| 4.38 | Hoskins Brew | 75 | ... | ... | ... | 54.0 |
| 363.90 | Invergordn Dist | 301 | ... | ... | 2.4 | 17.2 |
| 154.90 | Macallan-Glen | 133 | ... | 4.3 | 4.1 | 29.9 |
| 99.21 | Macdn Martn 'A' | 435 | +45 | ... | 2.5 | 20.7 |
| 194.20 | Mansfield | 344 | -2 | ... | 2.0 | 17.5 |
| 247.30 | Marston Thmp | 273 | -2 | ... | 2.5 | 15.3 |
| 130.90 | Matthew Clark | 576 | +11 | ... | 3.4 | 19.3 |
| 27.90 | Merrydwn W | 230 | +10 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 20.0 |
| 110.70 | Morland | 515 | +2 | ... | 2.4 | 17.7 |
| 5.15 | Paramount | 10½ | -½ | ... | 2.1 | ∞ |
| 32.90 | Regent Inns | 224 | +10 | ... | 2.5 | 22.7 |
| 9,105.70 | SA Breweries | 1409 | -1 | ... | 1.9 | 24.8 |
| 2,886.50 | Scot & New | 545 † | +16 | ... | 3.9 | 16.7 |
| 189.10 | Taunton Cider | 173 | ... | 6.2 | 4.5 | 13.5 |
| 372.50 | Vaux Group | 268 † | -3½ | 9.5 | 4.4 | ∞ |
| 119.40 | Wetherspoon JD | 381 | +20 | ... | 1.8 | 29.6 |
| 2,954.80 | Whitbread 'A' | 574 | -6 | ... | 3.9 | 13.8 |
| 349.90 | Wolvrhmptn D | 527 | ... | 12.6 | 3.0 | ∞ |
| 14.90 | Young 'A' | 510 | +27 | 14.7 | 3.6 | 21.1 |

## BUILDING, ROADS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 69.70 | Abbey | 180 | +25 | ... | 1.4 | 29.2 |
| 13.00 | Albrighton | 18 † | +½ | ... | 0.7 | ... |
| 40.80 | Allen | 155 | -7 | ... | 4.1 | 34.7 |
| 262.90 | Amec | 130 | +6 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 24.0 |
| 3.14 | Anglia Sec | 9½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 104.70 | Ashtead | 349 | +13 | ... | 1.6 | 36.9 |
| 340.10 | Atwoods | 138 | +3 | ... | 4.5 | ... |
| 1,727.00 | BPB Ind | 347 | -6 | ... | 2.7 | 41.5 |
| 56.90 | Baggeridge Brk | 99 † | +6½ | 3.1 | 4.0 | ∞ |
| 5.24 | Bailey (Ben) Con | 31 | +5 | 0.6 | 2.4 | ... |
| 15.30 | Barcom | 42 † | +1 | 3.0 | 4.0 | ... |
| 274.00 | Barden | 49½ | +2½ | 2.0 | 5.1 | 24.4 |
| 434.60 | Barratt Devs | 240 | +20 | 4.0 | 2.1 | ∞ |
| 242.50 | Bellway | 372 | +4 | 12.0 | 3.0 | ∞ |
| 22.40 | Bellwinch | 51 | +4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 414.90 | Berkeley Gp | 541 † | +10 | ... | 1.4 | 29.2 |
| 17.70 | Bett Bros | 118 | ... | ... | 2.1 | 15.2 |
| 16.40 | Blockleys | 64 | ... | 1.0 | 2.0 | 20.7 |
| 2,366.60 | Blue Circle | 342 | +5 | ... | 4.1 | ... |
| 72.50 | Boot (Henry) | 280 | +2 | 6.0 | 2.7 | 15.7 |
| 27.00 | Breedon PLC | 102 | +5 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 25.1 |
| 23.40 | Br Dredging | 133 | ... | 5.2 | 4.9 | 39.5 |
| 15.60 | Brit Fittings | 79 | ... | 1.7 | 2.8 | ... |
| 477.80 | Bryant | 173 | +5 | ... | 3.5 | 34.9 |
| 45.00 | CALA | 138 | +4 | ... | 2.1 | ... |
| 1,300.40 | CRH | 371 | +17 | ... | 2.3 | 20.4 |
| 2.10 | Cakebread Rby | 35 | -4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 168.30 | Costain | 32½ | +4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 128.90 | Countryside | 109 | -1 | ... | 3.1 | ∞ |
| 50.30 | Crest Nicholson | 105 | +4 | 0.0 | ... | ... |
| 18.70 | Cussins | 105 | +2 | ... | 1.2 | ... |
| 10.80 | Edmond Hldgs | 20½ | +1½ | 0.3 | 1.8 | ... |
| 54.40 | Epwin | 276 | +1 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 23.4 |
| 25.40 | Erith | 58 | +1 | 0.3 | 0.8 | ... |
| 41.80 | Eve Group | 440 | ... | ... | 2.9 | 16.5 |
| 11.70 | Freeman Gp | 169 | +35 | ... | 3.7 | 26.9 |
| 37.30 | Galliford | 42 | +1 | ... | 3.0 | ... |
| 1.51 | Gibbs & Dandy | 97 | ... | ... | 3.9 | ... |
| 92.20 | Gleeson (MJ) | 913 | ... | ... | 1.7 | 15.9 |
| 376.00 | Hewden-Stuart | 147 † | +8 | ... | 2.3 | 31.5 |
| 4.05 | Hewetson | 47 | +1 | ... | 3.4 | 34.3 |
| 395.50 | Heywd Wlm | 425 | +16 | 13.0 | 3.8 | ... |
| 60.70 | Higgs & Hill | 138 | +12 | 2.5 | 2.3 | ... |
| 11.50 | How Gp | 29 | ... | ... | 5.0 | ... |
| 6.66 | Howard Hldgs | 3½ | +4½ | 0.5 | 2.4 | ... |
| 215.30 | Ibstock Johnsen | 86 | +1 | 1.0 | 1.5 | ... |
| 12.20 | Jarvis | 15 | -2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 146.60 | Laing (J) | 320 | +13 | 9.0 | 3.5 | 12.8 |
| 50.40 | -do- 6.4% Cv Pf | 125½ | +3 | ... | 6.4 | ... |
| 11.30 | Ln Clydesdale | 125 | +10 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 47.1 |
| 9.96 | Lovell (YJ) | 12 | +1½ | ... | ... | 5.4 |
| 148.90 | Manders | 396 | +9 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 26.4 |
| 550.90 | Marley | 194 | +7 | 4.2 | 2.7 | 56.9 |
| 166.60 | Marshalls | 137 † | -1 | ... | 3.6 | ... |
| 54.30 | Maunders (J) | 220 | +24 | ... | 2.9 | 21.2 |
| 146.90 | McAlpine (A) | 260 | +11 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 45.0 |
| 43.50 | McCarthy & S | 62 | +4 | 0.5 | 1.0 | ... |
| 673.90 | Meyer Int | 540 | +25 | ... | 2.3 | 54.1 |
| 148.40 | Mowlem (J) | 136 | ... | 4.0 | 3.7 | ... |
| 21.40 | NSM | 183 | +33 | ... | ... | ... |
| 9.01 | Needler | 48 | ... | ... | 3.7 | 22.4 |
| 212.60 | Newman Tnks | 176 | +5 | ... | 4.2 | 23.5 |
| 309.30 | Persimmon | 315 | +3 | 8.6 | 3.4 | 32.1 |
| 2.11 | Phoenix Timber | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 18.20 | Pochins | 1750 | ... | 29.0 | 2.1 | 34.7 |
| 144.20 | Prowting | 186 | -11 | 2.4 | 2.3 | ... |
| 1,952.50 | RMC Gp | 991 | +59 | ... | 2.5 | 37.2 |
| 179.40 | Raine Ind | 95½ | +1½ | ... | 3.9 | 22.6 |
| 2.82 | Ramus | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 3,137.30 | Redland | 608 | -23 | 25.0 | 5.1 | 35.4 |
| 11.10 | Roskel | 74 | -6 | 4.3 | 7.3 | 10.9 |
| 481.50 | Rugby Group | 335 | -2 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 25.7 |
| 9.09 | Ryrfd-Ryca | 58 | ... | ... | 0.5 | ... |
| 54.10 | Sharpe & Fisher | 165 | +3 | ... | 3.0 | 28.7 |
| 176.00 | Sheffield Insl | 220 | -6 | ... | 2.5 | 66.3 |
| 27.10 | Sherriff Hldgs | 258 † | +7½ | ... | 1.8 | ∞ |
| 3.29 | Shorco | 9½ | +2 | ... | 6.8 | 21.8 |
| 23.00 | Smart (J) | 229 | ... | ... | 4.7 | 17.2 |
| 7.56 | Starmin | 2½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,741.50 | Tarmac | 194 | +21½ | 5.5 | 3.5 | ... |
| 61.10 | Tay Homes | 211 | +7 | ... | 3.5 | 26.1 |
| 685.10 | Taylor Woodrw | 164 | +19 | 1.0 | 0.5 | ... |
| 217.30 | Tilbury Dougls | 645 | +15 | 33.0 | 6.4 | 21.9 |
| 4.27 | Torex Hire | 42 | +6 | ... | 2.3 | ... |
| 218.00 | Travis Perkins | 312 | -2 | 8.0 | 3.2 | 54.9 |
| 4.00 | Trencherwood | 16 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 11.40 | Try Group | 31 | +3 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 8.8 |
| 2.50 | Tudor | 21 | ... | ... | 5.2 | ... |
| 45.10 | Vibroplant | 98 | +5 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 35.2 |
| 25.00 | Ward Hldgs | 55 | -1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 0.45 | Waterhouse | 37 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 94.50 | Watts Blake | 455 | +2 | ... | 3.3 | 19.6 |
| 1.17 | Wescol | 33 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 55.00 | Westbury | 200 | ... | 5.0 | 3.1 | 31.2 |
| 20.10 | Wiggins | 4½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 477.20 | Wilson Bowdn | 509 | +1 | ... | 2.2 | 35.8 |
| 435.40 | Wilson (C) | 231 | ... | 5.4 | 3.1 | 39.8 |
| 712.20 | Wimpey G | 195 | +6 | ... | 3.1 | ... |
| 3.70 | Yelt | 26 | ... | 0.5 | 2.2 | ... |

## BUSINESS SERVICES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 365.10 | ADT | 623 | +30 | ... | ... | ... |
| 12.50 | Adam & Harvey | 295 | +38 | 13.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| 6.03 | Air Londons | 68 | +4 | ... | 6.4 | 12.1 |
| 3.10 | African Lakes | 44 | ... | 2.0 | 5.7 | ... |
| 156.40 | Aalto Sec | 157 | +8 | ... | 5.6 | 26.0 |
| 1,542.6 | BET Ord | 148 | +13 | ... | 1.9 | 6.0 |
| 3.60 | BNB Res | 131 | +16 | 4.9 | 4.7 | ... |
| 40.50 | BPP | 230 | ... | 8.2 | 4.5 | 12.7 |
| 4.60 | BSM | 160 | -2 | ... | 4.5 | 14.0 |
| 75.00 | Barbour Index | 235 | +2 | 8.0 | 4.3 | 16.0 |
| 19.10 | Boustead | 22 | ... | 0.7 | 4.0 | ... |
| 57.30 | Brit Data Mgt | 211 | -4 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 5.4 |
| 2.16 | Broadcastle | 25 | ... | ... | 1.4 | 18.2 |
| 6.59 | Brooks Service | 56 | ... | ... | 1.4 | ... |
| 55.60 | CET Gp | 105 | +1 | ... | 3.5 | 16.5 |
| 105.30 | Capita Group | 216 | -20 | ... | 1.3 | 34.0 |
| 48.50 | Caskey Plc | 52 | -2½ | ... | 2.2 | 20.0 |
| 21.36 | Cathern Capital | 33 | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 15.20 | Christie | 115 | -3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,036.90 | Chubb Sec | 371 | +4 | ... | 1.8 | 23.0 |
| 3.91 | Cumace | 106 | -4 | ... | 1.8 | 27.7 |
| 15.50 | Corp Services | 42 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 20.70 | Coutts Cnslt | 97 | +2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25.40 | Dart | 169 | -5 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 22.9 |
| 25.20 | Davis Service | 219 | +9 | ... | 4.0 | 18.7 |
| 5.55 | EW Facs | 119 | ... | 4.4 | 4.7 | 13.6 |
| 24.46 | Gardiner | 25 | ... | 0.4 | 3.1 | 17.3 |
| 1,262.00 | Hays | 296 | +10 | ... | 2.2 | 26.0 |
| 179.90 | Hogg Robinsn | 260 | +5 | ... | 3.2 | 19.0 |
| 15.80 | Holmes Protectn | 3½ | -1 | ... | ... | 2.2 |
| 11,118.50 | Hutch Whamp | 308 | -21 | ... | 1.6 | 25.5 |
| 348.60 | ISS B DKr | 2112½ | -12½ | ... | 1.0 | 14.6 |
| 2,443.20 | Inchcape | 591 | +4 | ... | 3.2 | 14.3 |
| 172.00 | Johnson Clean | 977 | +10 | 25.7 | 3.7 | 19.1 |
| 62.20 | Lep | 9½ | -½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 33.20 | Mills Gp | 244 | +11 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 22.9 |
| 492.20 | Manpower | 1214 | +49 | ... | ... | ... |
| 34.00 | Michael Page | 66½ | +1½ | 1.3 | 3.4 | 28.3 |
| 5.44 | Pentna | 1.5 | ... | ... | 8.7 | 4.2 |
| 1.65 | Prime People | 3½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 40.00 | Proudfoot Alex | 65 | +1 | ... | 28.9 | 3.6 |
| 7.60 | RCO | 378 | ... | 16.1 | 4.6 | 12.7 |
| 5.74 | REA | 103 | +3 | 2.0 | 2.4 | ... |
| 60.40 | Reed Executive | 118 | +8 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25.60 | Reliance Secs | 109 | ... | ... | 5.4 | 22.5 |
| 2,327.90 | Rentokil | 230 | +8 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 31.1 |
| 17.60 | Rill & Nolan | 315 | -20 | ... | 1.7 | 21.0 |
| 994.50 | Salvesen (C) | 244 | +9 | ... | 2.9 | 22.4 |
| 4.23 | Scot Pickfords | 49 | -1 | ... | 2.0 | 15.6 |
| 9.40 | Select Appt | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 145.60 | Serco Gp | 1200 | +12 | 13.3 | 1.3 | 35.7 |
| 6.71 | Sherrad Cmpa | 110 | ... | ... | 8.0 | 3.2 |
| 55.50 | Shanks | 101 | +1 | ... | 3.7 | 23.1 |
| 7.10 | Warner Hlwrd | 225 | ... | 0.6 | 2.6 | 17.0 |
| 12.00 | Welpac | 27 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 37.10 | Wills Gp | 2½ | +1 | ... | 1.9 | 19.5 |

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 616.50 | Allied Colloids | 235 | +3 | ... | 2.3 | 21.6 |
| 972.70 | Amersham | 1010 | -22 | ... | 1.7 | 28.9 |
| 29.90 | Anglo Utd | 3½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 6,720.70 | BASF DM | £117½ | -4½ | ... | 5.6 | ... |
| 446.90 | BTP | 373 | +14 | ... | 3.6 | 26.7 |
| 8,240.70 | Bayer DM50 | £169½ | -21½ | ... | 3.9 | ... |
| 52.50 | Blagden | 113 | +5 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 11.2 |
| 95.10 | Brent Chems | 126 | ... | ... | 7.3 | 11.5 |
| 13.00 | Br Bio-Tech | 351 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 3.29 | Carrd Gp | 5½ | ... | ... | 22.2 | 16.0 |
| 46.10 | Canning (W) | 163 | +5 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 18.7 |
| 2,146.70 | Courtaulds | 554 | -46 | ... | 3.3 | 13.4 |
| 496.20 | Croda | 343 | +16 | ... | 2.9 | 20.0 |
| 12.30 | Dreflex | 114 | +1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 8.7 |
| 176.00 | Ellis & Everard | 237 | +3 | ... | 3.7 | 22.1 |
| 10.90 | Euro Colour | 36 | ... | 0.8 | 3.1 | 17.2 |
| 104.70 | Halstead (J) | 259 | +1 | ... | 2.3 | 12.3 |
| 316.00 | Hickson | 192 | +6 | ... | 5.5 | 16.9 |
| 7,014.50 | Hoechst | £115½ | -400 | ... | 3.1 | ... |
| 150.40 | Holliday Chem | 183 | +25 | ... | 2.5 | 16.8 |
| 5,776.00 | ICI | 800 | ... | ... | 4.3 | ... |
| 1,462.70 | Laporte | 767 | +27 | 10.5 | 3.3 | 21.2 |
| 129.10 | Leigh | 202 | +10 | ... | 4.8 | 17.8 |
| 12.40 | MTM | 48 | -2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 5,956.40 | Norsk Hydro | 2100 | +987½ | ... | 1.0 | 41.4 |
| 113.70 | Pearson Zoch | 300 | +1 | ... | 3.4 | 15.7 |
| 41.70 | Porvair | 271 | +3 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 29.0 |
| 31.70 | Sutcliffe Speak | 56 | -2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 110.90 | Wardle Storeys | 449 | +2 | ... | 4.8 | 20.7 |
| 42.50 | Wolstenholme R | 875 | +5 | 17.0 | 3.7 | 19.7 |
| 185.10 | Yorks Chem | 405 | +12 | ... | 2.4 | 21.7 |
| 277.30 | Yule Catto | 279 | +17 | ... | 2.7 | 17.4 |
| 8,155.40 | Zeneca | 803 | +22½ | ... | 4.0 | 51.0 |

## DRAPERY, STORES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37.30 | Alexon | 65 | -1 | ... | 5.8 | ... |
| 248.40 | Alders | 230 | +26 | ... | 3.3 | 17.1 |
| 75.60 | Amber Day | 65 | ... | 1.3 | 2.6 | ∞ |
| 1,138.70 | Argos Plc | 343 | ... | ... | 3.3 | 32.7 |
| 13.40 | Ashley Group | 9½ | -½ | ... | 2.5 | ... |
| 169.10 | Ashley (Laura) | 72 | -9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | ... |
| 246.60 | Asprey | 309 | +2 | 5.2 | 2.1 | 19.9 |
| 58.10 | Austin Reed | 190 | +4 | ... | 1.6 | ... |
| 71.50 | Beattie (J) 'A' | 154 | +6 | ... | 5.0 | 15.5 |
| 55.30 | Bernalls | 132 | +9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | ... |
| 146.60 | Betterware | 163 | +8 | ... | 1.9 | 17.1 |
| 11.80 | Blacks Lels | 37 | ... | ... | 7.6 | ... |
| 430.60 | Body Shop | 230 | +5 | ... | 1.0 | 29.7 |
| 75.30 | Brown & Jackson | 11½ | -½ | ... | 0.9 | 6.1 |
| 311.00 | Brown (N) | 426 | +1 | ... | 2.1 | 25.0 |
| 949.30 | Burton | 67½ | -½ | ... | 3.8 | ... |
| 34.10 | Cantors | 205 | -10 | ... | 2.4 | 28.6 |
| 46.40 | Church | 430 | +2 | 12.5 | 3.6 | 38.3 |
| 27.20 | Clinton Cards | 160 | -11 | 4.3 | 1.4 | 19.3 |
| 1,791.60 | Coats Viyella | 257 | +9½ | ... | 3.5 | 36.9 |
| 20.90 | Colorvision | 103 | +12 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 18.5 |
| 31.90 | Ctry Casuals | 166 | +6 | ... | 3.1 | 15.4 |
| 221.20 | Courts Furnish | 902 | +13 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 11.3 |
| 2.48 | Cranm Eyes | 155 | ... | ... | 6.0 | 10.6 |
| 2,058.70 | Dairy Farm Intl | 124 | -11 | ... | 2.9 | 18.2 |
| 125.40 | Dewhirst (IJ) | 99½ | +1½ | 0.8 | 1.0 | 31.9 |
| 963.80 | Dixons Grp | 244 | -41 | ... | 3.3 | ... |
| 5.16 | ERA Gp | 9 | ... | ... | ... | 73.8 |
| 0.36 | Elys (Wimbldn) | 550 | ... | 16.0 | 3.8 | 18.2 |
| 25.20 | Essex Furn | 220 | +3 | ... | 2.0 | 35.2 |
| 162.60 | Etam | 249 | +3 | 7.0 | 3.5 | 22.8 |
| 415.90 | Fine Art Dev | 530 | +1 | 11.0 | 3.1 | 16.9 |
| 2.68 | Fired Earth Tiles | 47 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 16.10 | Forminster | 685 † | -½ | 14.5 | 2.7 | 12.4 |
| 20.20 | French Connex | 126 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 26.30 | Gent SR | 71 | -2 | ... | 3.7 | 22.1 |
| 20.00 | Goldsmiths Gp | 91 | +2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | ... |
| 6,357.90 | GUS | 872 | -17 | ... | 2.3 | 19.4 |
| 3.14 | Hampden Grp | 21 | ... | ... | 6.0 | 10.4 |
| 60.70 | Hartstone | 58 | +5 | ... | ... | ... |
| 41.40 | Helene Plc | 33 | +½ | 2.0 | 7.6 | 15.6 |
| 4.73 | Heritage | 101 | +3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 6.56 | Honeysuckle | 61 | +11 | ... | 3.5 | ∞ |
| 18.90 | Jacques Vert | 199 | +20 | ... | 1.9 | 15.2 |
| 4,847.90 | Kingfisher | 729 | -45 | ... | 2.4 | 25.1 |
| 26.00 | Leslie Wise Gp | 75 | -1 | 4.0 | 6.7 | 15.5 |
| 88.80 | Liberty | 535 | ... | 7.2 | 1.7 | 65.0 |
| 423.20 | Lloyds Chem | 358 | -14 | ... | 2.5 | 12.6 |
| 931.40 | MFI | 160 | -3 | ... | 2.9 | 33.6 |
| 12,521.90 | Marks Spencer | 452 | -1½ | ... | 2.3 | 23.1 |
| 326.90 | Menzies (John) | 588 | ... | ... | 2.3 | 16.7 |
| 45.10 | Moss Bros | 270 | +32 | 5.5 | 2.5 | 31.7 |
| 850.80 | Next | 233 | +1½ | 3.5 | 1.9 | 27.8 |
| 10.10 | Oliver (G) | 40 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 167.40 | Oriflame Intl | 313 | +3 | ... | 4.0 | 15.1 |
| 50.40 | Pentos | 35 | +10 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 7.3 |
| 88.40 | QS Hldgs | 225 | ... | 5.1 | 2.9 | 16.0 |
| 46.60 | Rhino Grp | 52 | -10 | ... | ... | ... |
| 37.40 | Rosebys | 190 | +1 | ... | 3.2 | 22.8 |
| 171.90 | Sherwood Gp | 154 | +6 | ... | 2.1 | 13.9 |
| 1,902.60 | Sears | 126 | -1½ | ... | 3.5 | ... |
| 80.60 | Signet Group | 27½ | +4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,439.30 | Smith WH 'A' | 529 | +19 | ... | 3.4 | 17.3 |
| 165.70 | -do- B | 119 | +½ | ... | 3.0 | 19.5 |
| 2.18 | Specialeyes | 14 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,025.10 | Storehouse | 247 † | +12½ | ... | 2.5 | 24.4 |
| 97.80 | T & S Stores | 153 | +6 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 11.4 |
| 82.00 | Tie Rack | 159 | +1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 26.0 |
| 131.40 | Time Products | 248 | +6 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 21.4 |
| 7.95 | Usher (Frank) | 112 | ... | ... | 6.7 | 9.7 |
| 2,921.90 | Vendome | 418 | +31 | ... | 1.8 | 19.5 |
| 20.40 | Vivat | 37 | -1 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 11.5 |
| 3.29 | Wensum | 41 | ... | ... | 5.3 | ... |
| 419.30 | Wickes | 112 | -2 | ... | 0.2 | 50.9 |
| 4.39 | Wld of Leather | 54 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 71.20 | Wyevale | 186 | +3 | ... | 2.9 | 24.6 |
| 3.47 | Xtra-Vision | 2½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |

## ELECTRICALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 278.40 | ACT Group | 151 | +8 | ... | 4.1 | 15.2 |
| 36.10 | Acal | 2u3 | ... | ... | 3.1 | 18.9 |
| 52.70 | Admiral | 488 | +3 | 5.7 | 1.5 | 30.6 |
| 75.50 | Alba | 163 | ... | ... | 3.7 | 18.4 |
| 9.59 | Alphameric | 35½ | -1½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 255.80 | Amstrad | 44 | +4 | 0.5 | 1.4 | ∞ |
| 15.60 | App Holo | 75 | +4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 19.90 | Arlen | 33 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 249.40 | Astec | 80½ | -½ | ... | 0.4 | ... |
| 57.21 | Azlan | 262 | -3 | ... | 1.4 | 31.2 |
| 23.70 | Beales Hunter | 341 | -2 | ... | 4.9 | 14.9 |
| 3.18 | Bennett & Fount | 3 | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,568.20 | BICC | 445 | +43 | 19.2 | 5.4 | ... |
| 144.90 | Bick | 475 | ... | 10.2 | 2.7 | ∞ |
| 312.40 | Borland | 1100 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 681.90 | Bowthorpe | 367 | +13 | ... | 2.4 | 24.3 |
| 29,421.20 | BT | 474 | +1½ | ... | 4.2 | 18.3 |
| 5,807.20 | BT P/P | 216 | +1 | ... | 4.2 | 22.5 |
| 4.51 | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 18½ | +3½ | 0.1 | 0.7 | ... |
| 22.60 | Burnfield | 66 | ... | 5.7 | 10.9 | 10.4 |
| 11,040.90 | Cable Wireless | 506 | -16 | ... | 1.9 | 26.4 |
| 59.00 | Chloride | 24½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 48.30 | CML Micro | 276 | +6 | ... | 2.1 | 20.1 |
| 15.00 | Compur People | 108 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 570.30 | Cray Elect | 168 | +7 | ... | 1.1 | 17.3 |
| 50.10 | Critchley | 434 | +7 | ... | 1.4 | 25.0 |
| 756.30 | Delta | 511 | +27 | ... | 3.4 | 21.3 |
| 30.60 | Denmans El | 463 | +10 | ... | 1.7 | 19.7 |
| 103.90 | Domino | 406 | +6 | 7.4 | 2.3 | 13.9 |
| 108.60 | Dowding Mills | 74 | ... | ... | 4.2 | 31.7 |
| 91.20 | Druck | 1425 | +205 | 10.3 | 0.9 | 30.3 |
| 1,129.80 | Electrocomps | 538 | +13 | ... | 2.0 | 21.9 |
| 51.80 | El Data Pr | 595 | +2 | 5.5 | 1.2 | ... |
| 34.90 | Electron House | 151 | +6 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 33.1 |
| 24.90 | Emess | 23½ | +2½ | 0.1 | 0.5 | ... |
| 329.40 | Eurotherm | 737 | +4 | 4.5 | 1.6 | ∞ |
| 897.90 | FKI | 202 | +8½ | ... | 2.0 | 29.6 |
| 780.50 | Farnell Elect | 582½ | +18 | ... | 1.4 | 30.8 |
| 6.18 | Feedback | 73 | ... | ... | 3.4 | 9.9 |
| 9.36 | Ferranti | 1 ¢ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 45.20 | First Tech | 304 | +3½ | ... | 0.8 | 25.2 |
| 18.60 | Forward Gp | 231 | -1 | ... | 2.2 | 16.3 |
| 5.27 | Forward Tech | 15½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 8,970.80 | GEC | 329 | -13½ | 10.4 | 4.0 | 16.4 |
| 105.40 | Grasaby | 166 | +3 | ... | 8.2 | 34.9 |
| 30.30 | Graystone | 11½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 1.88 | Hitclarea | 39 | ... | ... | 1.6 | ... |
| 6.60 | INSTEM | 138 | +3 | ... | 2.8 | 9.9 |
| 59.50 | Ind Control | 149 | ... | ... | 3.7 | 15.0 |
| 70.60 | Jones Stroud | 348 | ... | ... | 2.8 | 15.6 |
| 38.10 | Kalamazoo | 101 | +1 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 23.5 |
| 3.57 | Kembrey | 12½ | ... | 0.1 | 1.6 | ... |
| 135.40 | Kenwood App | 369 | +9 | ... | 2.7 | 20.5 |

## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47.50 | Camellia | 1900 | ... | ... | 2.0 | 7.1 |
| 77.60 | Candover | 348 | -1 | 10.4 | 3.8 | 24.6 |
| 130.00 | Fleming | 370 # | ... | ... | 0.2 | ... |
| 275.40 | Govett | 392 | +15 | ... | 4.2 | 11.5 |
| 58.00 | Ivory Sime | 200 † | +16½ | ... | 4.4 | 17.3 |
| 4.75 | LIT | 9½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 236.00 | Lon Forfaitngs | 236 | +1 | 8.7 | 4.6 | 17.2 |
| 16.20 | Manakin | 80 † | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 10.60 | Nat Home Loan | 10½ | +1½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 18.90 | Newmarket | 53 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 62.30 | Rathbone Brs | 346 | ... | 6.5 | 2.6 | 19.2 |
| 58.50 | Rutland Tst | 22 | +½ | ... | 4.5 | 13.1 |
| 33.20 | S & U | 310 | -5 | 10.2 | 4.1 | 11.5 |
| 169.30 | Singer & Fried | 88 | +3 | ... | 4.3 | ... |
| 381.70 | Sotheby's | 1125 | +7 | ... | 3.0 | ... |
| 388.70 | SIP Capital | 142 | +10 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 58.6 |
| 31.30 | Towry Law | 205 | -1 | ... | 2.8 | 30.1 |
| 9,534.60 | Amer Express | 1981½ | -125 | ... | ... | ... |
| 218.90 | Henderson Ad | 1023 | -2 | ... | 5.1 | 23.6 |
| 498.90 | Invesco | 202 | +13 | ... | 1.9 | ... |
| 2,739.70 | Jardine Strat | 290 | -27 | ... | 2.7 | 12.1 |
| 923.90 | MAI | 284 | +20 | ... | 3.0 | 18.0 |
| 1,342.70 | MAM | 714 | -7 | 16.0 | 2.9 | 17.8 |
| 773.50 | M & G | 1030 † | +14 | 25.0 | 3.0 | ∞ |
| 221.30 | Smith New Ct | 416 | -2 | ... | 2.1 | 4.1 |
| 32.30 | Trio Hldgs | 58 | -3 | 2.5 | 5.5 | ∞ |

## FOODS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,572.60 | AB Food | 573 | +10 | ... | 3.3 | 11.7 |
| 1,797.40 | ASDA Group | 62 | +7 | 1.6 | 3.4 | ... |
| 112.50 | Acatos & Hutch | 341 | +2 | 8.0 | 3.0 | ∞ |
| 424.50 | Albert Fisher | 70 | +3 | 3.7 | 6.7 | ∞ |
| 3,422.10 | Argyll | 305 | +29 | ... | 4.6 | 11.0 |
| 21.80 | Banks (S C) | 259 | +19 | 9.5 | 4.6 | 11.4 |
| 58.60 | Barr (AG) | 310 | +1 | 6.5 | 2.6 | 15.7 |
| 12.00 | Bensons Crsps | 66 | +10 | ... | 5.4 | 14.8 |
| 126.10 | Berisford Intl | 127 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 957.70 | Booker | 449 | +33 | ... | 6.1 | 38.9 |
| 28.90 | Borthwick | 50 | +½ | ... | 3.0 | 62.1 |
| 237.30 | Brake Bros | 498 | ... | 6.3 | 1.7 | 19.5 |
| 65.10 | Budgen | 40 | ... | ... | 3.1 | 12.1 |
| 4,476.60 | Cadbury-Schw | 540 | +31 | ... | 3.1 | 19.1 |
| 10.40 | Carrs Milling | 153 † | +3½ | ... | 3.5 | 11.2 |
| 22.10 | Cranswick | 164 † | -½ | ... | 6.1 | 15.5 |
| 4.18 | Cullens | 16 | +1½ | 1.5 | 3.9 | 46.0 |
| 16.10 | Dalepak | 139 | +17 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 10.9 |
| 1,174.30 | Dalgety | 515 | +22 | ... | 5.0 | 14.7 |
| 4.16 | Daniels S | 50 | ... | ... | 0.6 | ... |
| 355.10 | Devro | 263 | +14 | ... | 2.6 | 25.0 |
| 25.40 | Everest | 101 | ... | ... | 4.6 | 18.3 |
| 88.20 | Farepak | 390 | +13 | 5.7 | 1.8 | 24.0 |
| 1.81 | Farringford | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 72.80 | Finlay (James) | 75 | +1 | ... | 7.1 | 24.2 |
| 294.60 | Fyffes | 105 | +5 | ... | 1.5 | 16.9 |
| 264.40 | Geest | 371 | +23 | 8.1 | 2.7 | 16.7 |
| 16.90 | Global | 14 | ... | ... | 4.5 | 21.8 |
| 19.80 | Grand Central | 50 | +1 | 0.8 | 2.0 | ... |
| 390.30 | Hazlewood Fds | 164 | +15 | ... | 5.0 | 9.2 |
| 1,213.00 | Hillsdown | 176 | +17 | 8.8 | 6.2 | 13.8 |
| 529.80 | Iceland Group | 193 | +19 | ... | 2.3 | 12.2 |
| 43.60 | JLI Group | 108 † | +5½ | ... | 5.6 | 11.6 |
| 968.70 | Kwik Save | 625 | +9 | ... | 3.6 | 11.3 |
| 101.20 | Low (Wm) | 189½ | +29½ | ... | 5.5 | 6.6 |
| 110.40 | Matthews (B) | 89 | +3 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 58.5 |
| 13.60 | Merchant Retail | 15 | +2 | 0.9 | 8.0 | 30.5 |
| 820.80 | Morrison (W) | 115 | +4 | ... | 0.9 | 15.0 |
| 89.30 | Nichols (JN) | 226 | -2 | 5.5 | 3.1 | 16.4 |
| 1,449.20 | Nthn Foods | 253 | +19 | ... | 4.3 | 12.4 |
| 4.70 | Nrthmbrn Fns | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 236.00 | Nurdin Peack | 186 | +5 | ... | 4.2 | 10.3 |
| 150.40 | Park Foods | 286 | +11 | ... | 2.6 | 22.0 |
| 81.00 | Perkins Food | 66 | -3 | ... | 8.4 | 7.6 |
| 62.50 | PizzaExpress | 118 | +3 | ... | 0.5 | 24.9 |
| 7.00 | Regina Hlth | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8,282.40 | Sainsbury J | 464 | +20 | ... | 2.8 | 16.3 |
| 3.18 | Sentry Farm | 73 | ... | ... | 2.6 | 13.1 |
| 30.20 | Sims Food | 101 | +7 | ... | 8.0 | 19.5 |
| 1,542.50 | Tate & Lyle | 431 | +31 | ... | 3.8 | 11.5 |
| 4,593.40 | Tesco | 234 | +20½ | ... | 3.9 | 10.6 |
| 114.70 | Thorntons | 180 | +15 | ... | 2.5 | ... |
| 15.90 | Treats | 167 | ... | ... | 2.8 | 19.1 |
| 943.70 | Unigate | 404 | +38 | ... | 5.1 | 13.2 |
| 2,026.50 | Utd Biscuits | 386 | +25 | ... | 5.0 | 23.9 |
| 19.30 | Osborne | 21 | ... | ... | 3.2 | 15.5 |
| 120.30 | Watson & Phil | 310 | +26 | 13.2 | 5.3 | 16.2 |
| 8.77 | West Trust | 35 | -3 | ... | 9.6 | ... |

## ELECTRICITY

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,414.10 | East Midlands | 649 | -2 | ... | 4.0 | 11.4 |
| 1,795.50 | Eastern Elect | 665 | -87 | ... | 3.9 | 12.5 |
| 1,766.40 | Hydro-Elect | 460 | -13½ | ... | 3.2 | 16.0 |
| 1,411.10 | London Elect | 647 † | -5½ | ... | 4.1 | 12.2 |
| 896.80 | Manweb | 755 | -2 | ... | 3.7 | 9.3 |
| 1,489.60 | Midlands Elec | 710 | -10 | ... | 3.8 | 11.3 |
| 6,147.20 | National Powr | 461 | -3 | ... | 2.9 | 11.9 |
| 891.20 | Northern Elec | 724 | +2 | ... | 3.9 | 9.4 |
| 645.20 | Nthn Ireland | 272 | +5 | ... | 3.2 | 13.0 |
| 1,196.40 | Norweb | 743 | -13 | 20.8 | 3.5 | 10.6 |
| 4,319.80 | PowerGen | 551 | +6 | ... | 2.5 | 14.5 |
| 3,850.90 | Scottish Power | 470 | +14 | ... | 3.1 | 17.3 |
| 952.40 | Seeboard | 747 | +6 | ... | 3.5 | 9.6 |
| 765.00 | Sth Wales | 753 | -9 | ... | 3.6 | 11.4 |
| 850.60 | Sth Western | 691 | -4 | ... | 3.9 | 10.1 |
| 1,850.90 | Southern Elec | 683 † | -18½ | ... | 3.8 | 9.0 |
| 1,410.50 | Yorkshire Elec | 680 | -6 | ... | 4.0 | 12.7 |

## FINANCE, LAND

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32.10 | Aitken Hume | 53 | ... | 1.0 | 2.4 | 11.2 |
| 21.60 | BWD | 132 | -1 | ... | 3.2 | 20.6 |
| 29.90 | Baltic Plc | 99 | ... | ... | 1.3 | ... |
| 519.40 | Caledonia | 625 | +1 | ... | 3.1 | 33.2 |

## INSURANCE

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 515.70 | Alex & Alex | 1350 | ... | ... | 4.9 | ... |
| 4,170.80 | Am Gen | 1925 | ... | ... | 3.8 | ... |
| 19.00 | Archer (AJ) | 75 | +5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | ... |
| 84.50 | Bradstock | 155 | +5 | 5.5 | 4.6 | ∞ |
| 851.90 | Britannic | 451 | +12 | ... | 3.2 | ... |
| 3,769.70 | Com Union | 678 | +31 | ... | 4.4 | ... |
| 118.90 | Dom & Gen | 1746 | ... | ... | 1.6 | 23.1 |
| 121.30 | FAI | 49 | +2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3,391.50 | Gen Accident | 752 | +36 | 26.7 | 4.4 | ... |
| 2,013.80 | GRE | 232 | +1 | 7.1 | 3.9 | 19.3 |
| 271.50 | Heath C E | 419 | +17 | ... | 4.8 | ... |
| 105.60 | Hogg Gp | 163 | +15 | 8.1 | 6.3 | 16.8 |
| 130.50 | Independent Ins | 298 | +14 | ... | 3.5 | 27.4 |
| 231.90 | JIB Group | 183 | +5 | ... | 5.1 | 18.8 |
| 2,616.10 | Legal & Gen | 535 | +32 | ... | 4.5 | 32.5 |
| 2,408.00 | Liberty Life | 1247 | +33 | ... | 2.5 | 19.8 |
| 330.40 | LIMIT | 118 | -1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3,014.60 | Lloyds Abbey | 448 | +22 | 17.3 | 4.8 | 16.1 |
| 195.40 | Lloyd Thomp | 289 | +20 | 6.7 | 2.9 | 18.0 |
| 467.90 | Londn & Man | 388 | +13 | 14.7 | 4.7 | 28.6 |
| 126.00 | Lowndes Lamb | 444 | +7 | 14.0 | 3.9 | 16.0 |
| 3,992.60 | Marsh McLn | 5447½ | -68½ | ... | 3.3 | ... |
| 23.10 | Oriel | 112 | ... | ... | 5.6 | ... |
| 24.50 | PWS | 78 | +2 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 11.3 |
| 7,223.60 | Prudential | 382 | +21 | ... | 4.0 | 25.4 |
| 524.30 | Refuge | 336 | +13 | ... | 4.0 | 9.3 |
| 3,726.10 | Royal | 343 | +3 | ... | 2.4 | ... |
| 1,022.70 | Sedgwick | 199 | +17½ | ... | 3.8 | 24.5 |
| 62.70 | Steel Burrill | 134 | +13 | ... | 11.3 | 7.9 |
| 35.90 | Sturge Hldgs | 71 | +3 | 3.0 | 5.4 | ∞ |
| 3,349.10 | Sun Alliance | 415 | +28 | 14.2 | 4.3 | ... |
| 155.70 | Trade Indemnty | 85 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,164.30 | Transatlantic | 386 | +31 | 12.0 | 3.9 | 35.8 |
| 487.30 | Utd Friendly | 395 | +10 | 15.1 | 3.2 | 25.9 |
| 1,014.30 | Willis Corroon | 243 | +17½ | ... | 3.4 | 52.2 |
| 6.34 | Windsor | 23 | ... | ... | ... | 18.1 |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 994.40 | Alliance | 1973 | +18 | 45.5 | 2.9 | 43.2 |
| 230.70 | Amer Trust | 277 | -1 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 57.5 |
| 511.00 | Ang & O'seas | 447½ | +3½ | 6.8 | 1.9 | 56.8 |

## LEISURE

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 473.50 | Airtours | 513 † | +39 | ... | 2.2 | 16.4 |
| 22.10 | Ald Leis | 42½ | +½ | ... | 8.8 | 13.9 |
| 208.60 | Anglia TV | 472 | +44 | ... | 2.5 | 21.9 |
| 16.40 | Baldwin | 90 | +5 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 12.2 |
| 26.50 | Barr & W 'A' | 287 | -2 | 10.0 | 4.7 | 17.2 |
| 45.80 | Boosey Hwks | 1175 | +20 | 22.0 | 2.3 | 17.6 |
| 15.20 | Border TV | 148 | +15 | ... | 3.1 | 13.2 |
| 18.00 | Brent Walker | 6 | -½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 6.31 | Bristol Scotts | 113 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8.13 | Buckingham Int | 6½ | -½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 7.07 | Campari | 68 | -1 | 8.7 | 16.1 | ... |
| 249.20 | Capital Radio | 352 | +22 | 5.2 | 2.0 | ∞ |
| 1,926.30 | Carlton Comm | 988 | +20 | ... | 2.4 | 22.8 |
| 17.90 | Castle Comm | 258 | +20 | ... | 4.0 | 17.8 |
| 805.10 | Central TV | 2993 | +40 | 39.0 | 1.6 | 32.6 |
| 30.50 | Chrysalis | 115 † | +3½ | 3.2 | 3.5 | ... |
| 628.40 | Compass Gp | 499 | +21 | ... | 2.3 | 19.2 |
| 69.40 | Eurocamp | 264 | +22 | 9.7 | 4.6 | 10.9 |
| 842.60 | Euro Disney | 378 | +32 | ... | 3.1 | ... |
| 5.51 | Euro Leisure | 3½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 28.60 | Ex-Lands | 39 | +3 | ... | 1.1 | ... |
| 11.90 | Fairline Boats | 330 | +19 | ... | 4.0 | 31.2 |
| 478.90 | First Leisure | 294 | +12 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 20.3 |
| 130.00 | Flextech | 570 # | ... | ... | 0.2 | ... |
| 21.30 | GWR Gp | 690 | +15 | ... | 1.6 | ∞ |
| 32.60 | Grampian | 231 | +2 | 6.5 | 3.5 | 16.0 |
| 1.05 | Greenwich Comm | 15 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 79.60 | HTV Group | 115 | +5½ | ... | ... | 51.1 |
| 37.40 | Hi-Tec Sports | 77 | +15 | ... | 3.7 | ... |
| 28.90 | Kunick | 12 | +½ | ... | ... | ∞ |
| 688.90 | LWT Hldgs | 666 | +60 | ... | 0.9 | 30.8 |
| 60.50 | Man Utd | 545 | +7 | ... | 4.5 | 22.0 |
| 10.10 | Northern | 35 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 145.20 | Owners Abrd | 89 | +8 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 7.1 |
| 34.20 | The Pelican Gp | 74 | +9 | ... | 1.7 | 18.5 |
| 15.60 | Prism Leisure | 181 | +1 | ... | 2.3 | 16.8 |
| 8.89 | Quadrant Grp | 38 | -1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 39.10 | Radio Clyde | 435 † | +36 | ... | 2.7 | 19.4 |
| 12.60 | Ramsdens (H) | 210 | +1 | ... | 2.7 | 27.9 |
| 221.20 | Scot TV | 459 | +8 | 10.3 | 2.8 | 22.6 |
| 21.50 | Southern Radio | 76 † | +8 | 1.2 | 2.1 | ∞ |
| 148.40 | Stanley Leisure | 324 | +14 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 25.6 |
| 6.90 | Sunleigh | 7½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 7.31 | Sunset & Vine | 128 | ... | 3.5 | 3.4 | 19.5 |
| 647.30 | Tussauds | 345½ | ... | ... | 0.5 | 18.7 |
| 19.90 | Ticketing | 2½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15.50 | Tottenham Hot | 97 | ... | ... | 2.6 | 5.1 |
| 35.90 | Trans World | 70 | +5 | ... | 1.1 | 22.8 |
| 54.90 | Ulster TV | 523 | +3 | 12.0 | 2.9 | 16.0 |
| 82.60 | Vardon | 113 | -1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 26.7 |
| 42.90 | Wembley | 16½ | -½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 90.20 | Yorkshire TV | 179 | +23 | 12.0 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| 7.41 | Zetters Gp | 113 | ... | 8.0 | 8.8 | 12.8 |

## PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31.50 | AG Holdings | 175 | +9 | ... | 1.8 | 15.9 |
| 90.50 | API | 425 | ... | 8.2 | 2.4 | ∞ |
| 2,002.90 | Arjo Wiggins | 246 | +8 | ... | 3.3 | 29.7 |
| 81.80 | Abbott Mead | 545 | +5 | 9.5 | 2.2 | 28.6 |
| 181.30 | Anglo Gp | 22½ | +8 | ... | ... | ... |
| 21.90 | Aspen Comm | 160 | +36 | ... | 3.6 | 15.3 |
| 2.13 | BBB Design | 26 | +6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 176.20 | Bemrose | 428 | -6 | ... | 3.4 | 19.7 |
| 10.30 | Birkdale | 10 | +1½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 660.80 | Bunzl | 155 | +10 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 23.5 |
| 48.30 | CIA Gp | 403 | +81 | ... | 1.4 | 26.1 |
| 36.10 | Capital Inds | 124 | +8 | ... | 3.4 | 12.8 |
| 6.50 | City of Lon | 85 | +1 | ... | 3.7 | 15.7 |
| 24.80 | Cropper (James) | 302 | +3 | ... | 1.3 | 29.6 |
| 7.63 | Delyn Group | 90 | ... | ... | 2.3 | 12.1 |
| 25.00 | Dolphin Pack | 108 | +12 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 26.2 |
| 8.88 | Dudley Jenkins | 77 | ... | ... | 5.0 | 17.3 |
| 31.90 | Elswick | 15½ | ... | ... | 2.4 | 17.3 |
| 24.30 | Fairway Group | 78 | +3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 30.0 |
| 139.80 | Ferguson Intl | 264 | +1 | ... | 4.3 | 16.5 |
| 18.60 | Ferry Pick | 437 | ... | ... | 3.1 | 37.0 |
| 44.50 | Filofax | 190 | -7 | ... | 1.0 | 24.4 |
| 4.09 | Fitch | 11½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 12.70 | Gibbon Lyons | 141 | ... | ... | 1.6 | 15.9 |
| 54.20 | Gold Greenless | 209 | ... | 8.4 | 5.2 | 10.3 |
| 9.29 | Goodhead | 33 † | ... | 0.0 | 0.3 | ∞ |
| 14.50 | Hunterprint | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8.63 | Imterprint | 18½ | ... | ... | 8.1 | 11.8 |
| 89.40 | Jarvis Porter | 281 | +8 | ... | 2.2 | 28.2 |
| 11.70 | Lopex | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 12.50 | MMD | 33½ | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 121.50 | More O'Ferrall | 375 | +16 | 13.2 | 4.4 | 44.9 |
| 52.20 | NMC Group | 130 | +2 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 20.1 |
| 14.60 | Osborne & Little | 248 | +11 | ... | 2.6 | 36.5 |
| 349.30 | Portals | 539 | +21 | ... | 3.4 | 18.6 |
| 5.78 | Premier Film | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 63.80 | Quarto | 298 | +11 | ... | 2.4 | 18.3 |
| 336.30 | St Ives Gp | 340 | +44 | ... | 2.0 | 22.4 |
| 325.70 | Saatchi | 148 | +14 | ... | ... | ... |
| 752.30 | Sappi | 501 | +28 | ... | 6.6 | 9.5 |
| 18.20 | Serif | 24½ | +6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 21.90 | Shandwick | 26½ | +4½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 603.20 | Smith David | 429 | +31 | ... | 2.9 | 22.5 |
| 1,601.30 | Smurfit (Jeff) | 328 | +37 | ... | 1.6 | 7.9 |
| 2.06 | Somic | 103 | ... | 2.5 | 3.0 | 42.2 |
| 47.30 | Smi-Plus | 220 | +6 | 8.4 | 4.8 | 19.6 |
| 56.90 | Taylor Nelson | 26 | -½ | 0.3 | 1.6 | 21.8 |
| 10.20 | VTR | 130 | +5 | ... | 3.6 | 19.6 |
| 478.90 | WPP | 92 | +3 | ... | 1.4 | 3.5 |
| 159.90 | Wace | 204 | +19 | ... | 0.6 | ... |
| 205.00 | Waddington (J) | 255 | +10 | ... | 4.0 | 39.1 |
| 281.50 | Watmough | 422 | +12 | ... | 1.7 | 33.1 |
| 4.36 | Westport | 3½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 2.93 | Whitney Mck | 41 | +3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 16.50 | Wyndeham | 100 † | ... | ... | 1.9 | 21.4 |

## PROPERTY

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77.30 | Allied Lon | 111 | +2 | ... | 4.0 | 28.8 |
| 26.50 | Arcadian | 38 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 21.20 | Ascot Hldgs | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 108.40 | Asda | 138 | +4 | ... | 1.9 | 14.5 |
| 65.10 | Avonside | 150 | +1 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 21.0 |
| 7,159.60 | BCE | 2337½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 306.40 | Bilton | 698 | +37 | 18.9 | 3.4 | 25.2 |
| 26.50 | Bourne End | 77 | +5 | ... | 1.6 | ... |
| 388.00 | Bradford | 220 | +18 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 27.4 |
| 6.24 | Brede | 17 | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,235.00 | Br Land | 421 † | -20 | ... | 2.2 | 32.4 |
| 558.40 | Brixton | 241 | +8 | ... | 4.4 | 19.1 |
| 166.80 | Burford | 102 | +3 | ... | 1.6 | ... |
| 75.30 | Cap & Regnl | 195 | +5 | ... | 0.8 | ... |
| 6.12 | Cardiff Prop | 230 | ... | 2.4 | 1.3 | ... |
| 416.40 | Chesterfield | 594 | -1 | 11.5 | 2.4 | 42.5 |
| 5.86 | City Site Ests | 38 | +2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 5.95 | Clarke Nickolls | 29 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 3.93 | Compco | 285 | ... | 12.9 | 6.0 | 61.8 |
| 26.30 | Conrad Ritblat GS | 44 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 240.40 | Daejan | 1425 | +17 | ... | 2.2 | 18.2 |
| 0.70 | Dares Estates | 7½ | -1½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 38.60 | Debenham Tewsn | 138 | +2 | ... | 2.8 | 26.1 |
| 8.03 | De Morgan | 77 | +6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 31.90 | Dencora | 179 | +1 | 3.0 | 2.1 | ... |
| 79.10 | Derwent Hldgs | 679 | +1 | 8.2 | 1.6 | ... |
| 77.80 | Development Sec | 36 | +1½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 14.40 | Dwyer | 55 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 24.00 | Estates Agency | 409 | ... | ... | 2.4 | 47.5 |
| 4.49 | Estates Gen | 21 | +3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 143.90 | Evans Of Leeds | 217 | +2 | ... | 2.7 | 19.2 |
| 35.60 | Five Oaks | 36½ | +3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3.54 | Fletcher King | 66 | ... | ... | 1.0 | 43.4 |
| 257.00 | Frogmore | 511 | +10 | ... | 3.9 | 24.6 |
| 49.80 | Grainger | 250 | +14 | 5.2 | 2.7 | ∞ |
| 713.90 | Gt Portland | 234 | +8 | ... | 4.3 | 22.4 |
| 173.40 | Greycoat | 19½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 6,273.20 | HK Land | 233 | -8 | ... | 2.1 | 30.7 |
| 283.00 | Hambro Cntyw | 86 | +2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | ... |
| 1,001.50 | Hammerson | 399 | -14 | 10.0 | 3.1 | 40.4 |
| 51.20 | Helical Bar | 315 | +16 | ... | 1.9 | 21.3 |
| 34.60 | Hemingway | 35½ | -½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 9.44 | Herring Baker | 59 | ... | ... | 3.7 | 7.9 |
| 2.76 | Jermyn | 138 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 3,896.20 | Land Sec | 770 | -21 | 23.1 | 3.8 | 23.0 |
| 260.20 | Lon Merch Sec | 107 † | ... | 4.0 | 4.7 | 15.6 |
| 5.00 | Lon & Metro | 11 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 2,115.60 | MEPC | 516 | -26 | ... | 4.8 | 36.3 |
| 4.82 | McInerney A | 8 | +1½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 64.90 | McKay Secs | 165 | +5 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 22.6 |
| 3.05 | Markheath | 2½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 8.50 | Marlwale-Mtr | 79 | -2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 18.30 | Mansfield Est | 58 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 64.60 | Mountview | 1520 | +10 | 22.0 | 2.1 | 13.7 |
| 174.70 | Mucklow (A&J) | 179 | +1 | ... | 4.3 | 27.9 |
| 9.85 | Olives Prop | 51 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 22.90 | ORB | 1½ | ... | ... | ... | 0.5 |
| 206.60 | PSIT | 170 | +1 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 33.7 |
| 281.30 | Peel | 385 | +7 | 4.0 | 1.4 | ... |
| 8.72 | Power Corp | 7½ | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 8.16 | Property Trust | 43 | +7 | ... | ... | 12.3 |
| 38.60 | Raglan | 41 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 39.80 | Regalian | 34 | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 17.50 | Rowlinson Secs | 140 | ... | 1.5 | 1.3 | 17.5 |
| 56.60 | St Modwen Prp | 48½ | +½ | 0.9 | 2.3 | 37.0 |
| 68.00 | Saville Grdn (I) | 85 | +3 | ... | 4.2 | 32.4 |
| 33.70 | Savills | 91 | -3 | ... | 1.4 | 36.0 |
| 136.70 | Scot Met | 104 | +1 | ... | 1.5 | ∞ |
| 60.30 | Shaftesbury | 126 | +4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1.16 | Shield | 12 | +½ | ... | ... | 6.3 |
| 1,048.30 | Slough Estates | 272½ | -2½ | ... | 3.7 | 19.1 |
| 105.30 | Southend Prop | 98 † | +1 | ... | 3.1 | ... |
| 41.50 | Stanhope Prps | 25 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 106.10 | Tops Ests | 230 | +1 | 2.1 | 1.2 | ... |
| 138.80 | Town Centre | 137 | +5 | ... | 3.1 | 24.5 |
| 61.60 | Trafford Park | 94 | -2 | ... | 3.7 | 21.6 |
| 1.34 | UK Land | 31 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 18.40 | Union Square | 9½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 150.20 | Warner | 309 | +8 | 10.4 | 4.2 | 28.2 |
| 97.90 | Warnford | 229 | +11 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 10.6 |
| 2.16 | Waterglade | 7 | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 170.60 | Wates | 90½ | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 6.81 | Wood John DA | 83 | -1 | ... | ... | ... |

## MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.76 | Abbey Panels | 238 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 9.82 | Airflow Stream | 115 | ... | 3.0 | 3.3 | 11.3 |
| 90.90 | Appleyard | 148 | +8 | ... | 4.4 | ... |
| 15.50 | Bletchley Mtr | 338 | +3 | ... | 3.4 | 17.2 |
| 28.40 | Bostrom | 180 | ... | 6.0 | 4.2 | 31.8 |
| 1,659.40 | Br Aerospace | 439 | +26 | 7.3 | 2.1 | ... |
| 57.50 | Burndene | 31 † | +1½ | 1.7 | 4.3 | ∞ |
| 13.80 | Caffyns | 415 | ... | 11.5 | 3.5 | 22.0 |
| 26.10 | Caverdale | 19½ | +1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 16.60 | Central Mtr | 124 | +1 | ... | 4.0 | 31.5 |
| 14.90 | Cook (DC) | 35 | ... | ... | 3.2 | 19.9 |
| 427.90 | Cowie (T) | 299 | +17 | 6.6 | 2.8 | 22.8 |
| 25.10 | Dag Motors | 139 | +4 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 25.1 |
| 28.20 | Davnport Vern | 144 | +1 | ... | 3.5 | 18.2 |
| 27.30 | ERF | 280 | +2 | 2.0 | 0.9 | ... |
| 50.60 | European Mtr | 151 | +4 | ... | 3.1 | 21.2 |
| 93.30 | Evans Halshaw | 432 | +22 | 11.4 | 3.3 | 66.6 |
| 184.70 | FR Group | 245 | +10 | ... | 3.7 | 11.4 |
| 21,154.90 | Ford Motor | 4300 | -81½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 27,666.80 | General Mtr | 3893½ | +118½ | ... | 1.4 | ... |
| 3.53 | Gowrings | 61 | +1 | 2.0 | 4.1 | ... |
| 120.10 | Henlys | 301 | +26 | 3.5 | 1.5 | ... |
| 9,386.60 | Honda Motor | 984 | +45 | ... | 0.9 | ... |
| 4.33 | Jacks (Wm) | 40 | +5 | ... | ... | ... |
| 7.95 | Jessups | 90 | +4 | 4.5 | 6.3 | ... |
| 282.90 | Kwik-Fit | 164½ | +2½ | ... | 2.7 | 23.2 |
| 456.00 | Lex Service | 482 | +33 | ... | 2.8 | 26.4 |
| 32.80 | Lookers | 171 | +6 | 6.2 | 4.5 | ... |
| 1,523.40 | Lucas | 206 | +14 | ... | 4.2 | ... |
| 22.60 | Malaya Grp | 29½ | +½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 112.60 | Pendragon | 292 | +7 | ... | 2.3 | 24.0 |
| 48.40 | Perry Gp | 193 | +18 | ... | 4.6 | ... |
| 36.70 | Quicks Group | 160 | +4 | ... | 3.2 | 20.4 |
| 2,077.40 | Rolls-Royce | 170 | +7½ | ... | 3.7 | ... |
| 1,165.30 | T & N | 232 | +28 | ... | 5.8 | 33.0 |
| 137.20 | Trinity Hldgs | 287 | +4 | ... | 2.6 | 25.0 |
| 88.20 | Yardy (Reg) | 193 | +23 | ... | 2.8 | 26.8 |
| 281.70 | Westland | 203 † | +8½ | 4.5 | 2.1 | ∞ |

## NEWS, PUBLISHERS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Net div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30.80 | Adscene | 208 | +10 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 21.3 |
| 5.16 | Black (A&C) | 335 | ... | 13.5 | 5.0 | 13.7 |
| 398.10 | Blenheim Gp | 323 | +8 | ... | 3.6 | 12.0 |
| 61.60 | Bristol | 578 | +11 | ... | 4.0 | 34.1 |
| 581.30 | Daily Mail | £1163 | +65 | ... | 1.6 | 22.2 |
| 580.00 | Daily Mail 'A' | £1116 † | +512½ | ... | 1.6 | 22.1 |
| 162.90 | Dorling Kind | 264½ | +1 | ... | 1.6 | 23.9 |
| 4,174.30 | Elsevier | 6400 | +50½ | ... | 1.5 | 21.7 |
| 757.40 | EMAP | 425 | -1 | ... | 2.4 | 26.2 |
| 308.10 | Euromoney Pb | 1500 | +40 | ... | 3.2 | 20.4 |
| 15.30 | Harrington K | 160 | -9 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 13.1 |
| 77.40 | Haynes Pub | 373 | +30 | ... | 1.8 | 21.0 |
| 119.10 | Hodder H'line | 341 | +1 | 5.1 | 1.9 | 20.0 |
| 12.30 | Home Counts | 123 | +3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | ... |
| 65.80 | Intl Bus Comm | 169 | +6 | ... | ... | 26.5 |
| 8.27 | Intl Cps & Data | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 360.80 | Independent | 480 | +50 | ... | 2.7 | 24.8 |
| 170.60 | Johnstone Press | 354 | +3 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 24.0 |
| 33.70 | Metal Bulletin | 346 | +7 | 8.2 | 3.0 | 24.4 |
| 761.30 | Mirror Gp | 198 | +22½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 8,014.10 | News Corp | 436 | -17 | ... | 0.3 | ... |
| 1,802.30 | News Intl | 274 | ... | ... | 0.6 | 16.9 |
| 3,454.00 | Pearson | 628 | +20 | ... | 2.4 | 34.1 |
| 84.00 | Portsmth Sund | 700 | +30 | ... | 1.7 | 19.2 |
| 5,077.10 | Reed Int | 905 | +9 | ... | 2.4 | 39.4 |
| 23.10 | Southnews | 188 | ... | ... | 1.6 | 34.8 |
| 64.10 | Sterling Pub | 167 | +2 | ... | 2.3 | 20.3 |
| 680.80 | Telegraph | 508 | +13 | ... | 3.0 | 22.9 |
| 4,470.20 | Thomson Corp | 785 | ... | 38.1 | 4.8 | 39.2 |
| 209.30 | Trinity Intl | 437 | +1 | 9.0 | 2.6 | 26.2 |
| 1.50 | Unik Group | 28 | +3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1,610.00 | Utd Newspapers | 662 | +13 | ... | 4.1 | 18.4 |






## BRITISH FUNDS

### SHORTS (under 5 years)

| Stock Outstanding (£million) | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,100 | Treas 9½% 1994 | 100⅝ † | ... | 9.48 | 5.36 |
| 550 | Treas 14½% 1994 | 101⅞ | -⅛ | 14.31 | 5.24 |
| 1,100 | Exch 13½% 1994 | 102⅞ | -⅛ | 13.19 | 5.19 |
| 1,900 | Treas 10% 1994 | 102 | -⅛ | 9.80 | 5.10 |
| 1,240 | Exch 12½% 1994 | 104⅝ | -⅛ | 11.97 | 5.04 |
| 1,900 | Treas 9% 1994 | 103⅛ | -⅛ | 8.72 | 5.01 |
| 2,350 | Treas 12% 1995 | 107⅛ † | -⅛ | 11.21 | 4.96 |
| 214 | Gas 3% 1990-95 | 98 | ... | 3.06 | 4.66 |
| 2,500 | Exch 10¼% 1995 | 107⅝ † | -⅛ | 9.53 | 5.07 |
| 840 | Treas 12¾% 1995 | 112⅛ | -⅛ | 11.36 | 5.13 |
| 770 | Treas 14% 1996 | 116⅛ † | -⅛ | 11.94 | 5.15 |
| 1,150 | Treas 15¼% 1996 | 121⅛ | -⅛ | 12.56 | 5.29 |
| 800 | Exch 13¼% 1996 | 117⅛ | -⅛ | 11.29 | 5.29 |
| 3,404 | Conv 10% 1996 | 111⅛ | -⅛ | 8.94 | 5.42 |
| 1,290 | Treas 13¼% 1997 | 121⅛ † | -⅛ | 10.93 | 5.54 |
| 3,700 | Exch 10½% 1997 | 113⅛ | -⅛ | 9.27 | 5.57 |
| 5,550 | Treas 8¾% 1997 | 110⅛ | -⅛ | 7.95 | 5.59 |
| 830 | Exch 15% 1997 | 131⅛ | -⅛ | 11.44 | 5.70 |
| 3,550 | Exch 9¾% 1998 | 114⅛ † | -⅛ | 8.54 | 5.72 |
| 6,250 | Treas 7¼% 1998 | 105⅛ | -⅛ | 6.85 | 5.63 |
| 1,600 | Treas 7¼% B 1998 | 105⅛ | -⅛ | 6.85 | 5.65 |
| 1,200 | Treas 6¾% 1995-98 | 101⅛ | -⅛ | 6.63 | 5.28 |
| 970 | Treas 14% 1998-01 | 130⅛ | -⅛ | 10.72 | 5.90 |
| 935 | Treas 15½% 1998 | 139⅛ | -⅛ | 11.09 | 5.74 |
| 3,909 | Exch 12% 1998 | 125⅛ | -⅛ | 9.58 | 5.90 |
| 1,900 | Treas 9½% 1999 | 115⅛ | -⅛ | 8.21 | 5.81 |

### MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

| Stock Outstanding (£million) | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5,900 | Treas 6% 1999 | 101⅛ † | -⅛ | 6.05 | 5.73 |
| 3,050 | Exch 12¼% 1999 | 127⅛ | -⅛ | 9.60 | 5.98 |
| 1,252 | Treas 10½% 1999 | 120⅛ | -⅛ | 8.69 | 5.87 |
| 1,708 | Conv 10¼% 1999 | 120⅛ | -⅛ | 8.48 | 5.95 |
| 5,358 | Conv 9% 2000 | 115⅛ | -⅛ | 7.79 | 5.01 |
| 3,171 | Treas 13% 2000 | 135⅛ † | -⅛ | 9.57 | 6.19 |
| 3,250 | Treas 7% 2001 | 105⅛ | -⅛ | 6.67 | 6.04 |
| 4,406 | Treas 10% 2001 | 121⅛ | -⅛ | 8.24 | 6.31 |
| 6,527 | Treas 9¾% 2002 | 122⅛ | -⅛ | 7.96 | 6.31 |
| 7,600 | Treas 8% 2003 | 112⅛ | -⅛ | 7.10 | 6.18 |
| 2,503 | Treas 10% 2003 | 126⅛ | -⅛ | 7.92 | 6.30 |
| 1,620 | Treas 11½% 2001-04 | 128⅛ | -⅛ | 8.95 | 6.42 |
| 543 | Fund 3½% 1999-04 | 85⅛ † | -⅛ | 4.09 | 5.29 |
| 3,250 | Treas 6¾% 2004 | 104⅛ | -⅛ | 6.46 | 6.17 |
| 3,412 | Conv 9½% 2004 | 124⅛ | -⅛ | 7.64 | 6.32 |
| 4,842 | Conv 9½% 2005 | 124⅛ | -⅛ | 7.61 | 6.36 |
| 2,200 | Treas 12½% 2003-05 | 142⅛ | -1⅛ | 8.73 | 6.57 |
| 2,000 | Treas 8% 2002-06 | 110⅛ | -⅛ | 7.22 | 6.33 |
| 3,900 | Treas 7¾% 2006 | 111⅛ | -⅛ | 6.94 | 6.37 |
| 3,150 | Treas 11¾% 2003-07 | 135⅛ † | -⅛ | 8.70 | 6.63 |
| 5,497 | Treas 8½% 2007 | 118⅛ | -⅛ | 7.18 | 6.43 |
| 1,250 | Treas 13½% 2004-08 | 150⅛ | -⅛ | 8.97 | 6.60 |
| 5,331 | Treas 9% 2008 | 123⅛ | -⅛ | 7.27 | 6.46 |

### LONGS (over 15 years)

| Stock Outstanding (£million) | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3,100 | Treas 8% 2009 | 114⅛ | -⅛ | 6.97 | 6.48 |
| 4,273 | Conv 9% 2011 | 125⅛ † | -1⅛ | 7.17 | 6.53 |
| 5,150 | Treas 9% 2012 | 126⅛ † | -1⅛ | 7.12 | 6.52 |
| 1,000 | Treas 5½% 2008-12 | 92⅛ | -1⅛ | 5.94 | 6.17 |
| 800 | Treas 7¾% 2012-15 | 113⅛ † | -⅛ | 6.81 | 6.44 |
| 4,950 | Treas 8% 2013 | 116⅛ | -1⅛ | 6.88 | 6.52 |
| 1,000 | Exch 12% 2013-17 | 157⅛ | -1⅛ | 7.61 | 6.70 |
| 6,050 | Treas 8¾% 2017 | 126⅛ | -1⅛ | 6.91 | 6.52 |

### UNDATED

| Stock Outstanding (£million) | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,909 | War Ln 3½% | 53⅛ † | -⅛ | 6.57 | ... |
| 475 | Treas 2½% | 36⅛ | -⅛ | 6.78 | ... |

### INDEX-LINKED

| Stock Outstanding (£million) | Stock | Price £ | +/- | Int yld % | Grs red yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 500 | Treas IL 2% 1994 | 136⅛ | +⅛ | ... | ... |
| 1,200 | Treas IL 2% 1996 | 202⅛ | -⅛ | 1.17 | 2.10 |
| 800 | Treas IL 4⅝% 1998 | 112⅛ | -⅛ | 1.35 | 2.00 |
| 1,500 | Treas IL 2½% 2001 | 179⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.21 | 2.57 |
| 1,080 | Treas IL 2½% 2003 | 171⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.44 | 2.73 |
| 850 | Treas IL 4⅜% 2004 | 117⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.46 | 2.74 |
| 1,550 | Treas IL 2% 2006 | 182⅛ † | -1⅛ | 2.52 | 2.75 |
| 1,550 | Treas IL 2½% 2009 | 166⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.69 | 2.80 |
| 1,800 | Treas IL 2½% 2011 | 173⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.75 | 2.83 |
| 2,300 | Treas IL 2½% 2013 | 144⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.88 | 2.95 |
| 2,400 | Treas IL 2½% 2016 | 155⅛ † | -1⅛ | 2.85 | 3.00 |
| 2,400 | Treas IL 2½% 2020 | 150⅛ | -1⅛ | 2.89 | 3.02 |
| 1,900 | Treas IL 2½% 2024 | 127⅛ † | -1⅛ | 2.88 | 3.00 |

Source: Extel. ● USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. § Ex scrip. ‡ Ex rights issue. ¶ Ex all. ¶ Ex capital distribution. ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... Not significant data.

## Ladbroke looks for new name

JOHN Jackson, new chairman of Ladbroke, and Peter George, its chief executive, are searching for a new name for the leisure and property group, which on Friday announced the departure of Cyril Stein, its former chairman (Carl Mortished writes). They are believed to have hired image consultants to create a new corporate identity to help project a new corporate strategy — including eventual disposal of its £830 million property division — expected to be announced with the 1993 results on March 3.

Other issues under consideration are new chief executives for the hotels and racing divisions. Ladbroke trades under several brands, including Hilton and Vernons, as well as the Ladbroke name.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4930 (+0.0150)
German mark
2.5847 (+0.0159)
Exchange index
82.3 (+0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK INDEX

FT 30 share
2617.6 (+57.8)
FT-SE 100
3446.0 (+27.6)
New York Dow Jones
3820.77 (+66.69)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18124.01 (Closed)

TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.30 | 2.10 |
| Austria Sch | 19.12 | 17.62 |
| Belgium Fr | 56.69 | 52.29 |
| Canada $ | 2.068 | 1.905 |
| Cyprus Cy£ | 0.803 | 0.753 |
| Denmark Kr | 10.63 | 9.83 |
| Finland Mkk | 9.21 | 8.41 |
| France Fr | 9.22 | 8.62 |
| Germany Dm | 2.78 | 2.52 |
| Greece Dr | 392.50 | 367.50 |
| Hong Kong $ | 12.11 | 11.11 |
| Ireland Pr | 1.09 | 1.01 |
| Italy Lire | 2857.00 | 2452.00 |
| Japan Yen | 191.50 | 184.50 |
| Malta | 0.623 | 0.568 |
| Netherlds Gld | 3.033 | 2.803 |
| Norway Kr | 11.89 | 10.89 |
| Portugal Esc | 278.00 | 254.50 |
| S Africa Rd | 5.85 | 4.95 |
| Spain Pta | 223.00 | 209.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 12.68 | 11.88 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.33 | 2.15 |
| Turkey Lira | 22190.0 | 21190.0 |
| USA $ | 1.590 | 1.450 |

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# Vernons and MAI to enter race for national lottery

BY JON ASHWORTH

VERNONS, the Liverpool-based pools operation owned by Ladbroke Group, is today expected to join the scramble to run Britain's £4 billion-a-year national lottery. A new venture with Lord Hollick's MAI, the media and financial services group, will bring to eight the number of rival consortia battling it out for the licence to run the lottery.

Contenders have five weeks left to submit their bids to Peter Davis, Director General of the National Lottery. Those yet to show their hand include The Rank Organisation, the hotel and leisure group.

Rank announced in October that Ian Nielsen-Jones, president of the Ontario Lottery Corporation, Canada's biggest lottery operation, had been made managing director of a new company formed to run the lottery, but few details have been forthcoming. Andersen Consulting and WCRS, the advertising agency, are believed to be involved.

Rank has been preparing a bid for two years. It intends to separate shareholders from suppliers to prevent potential conflicts of interest. The same model has been adopted by N M Rothschild, the merchant bank, which is preparing a bid with Tattersalls, an Australian lottery operator.

Thorn EMI and GEC are finalising a bid in conjunction with The Tote. GEC, led by Lord Weinstock, initiated discussions with Thorn, which is likely to participate as a passive shareholder.

The scramble to bid for the national lottery licence began in earnest in October with the arrival of Camelot Group, a five-member consortium led by GTech, a US lottery specialist, and including Racal Electronics; De La Rue, the security printer; ICL, the computer specialist; and Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionary and soft drinks combine. SG Warburg, the merchant bank, is financial adviser.

A second early contender was The Great British Lottery Company, which has Granada, the leisure group, and Vodafone as its principal backers. Their partners are: Hambros Bank, Carlton Communications and Associated Newspapers. AWI, a second American lottery company, has been retained to provide technological advice.

Before Christmas, Richard Branson and Lord Young of Graffham announced a bid by the UK Lottery Foundation, a non-profit contender with an influential list of trustees. IBM is technical partner. The Rainbow consortium, led by Sir Patrick Sheehy, has formed a management team and identified likely suppliers. Leo Burnett, the advertising agency, is the driving force behind it.

Bids must be submitted by February 14. A decision on the winner is due by May.




Peter Davis is expected to announce which consortium will run the lottery by May

# Big advance expected from Tomkins

AS the company reporting season picks up, first-half figures from **Tomkins**, the industrial conglomerate led by Greg Hutchings, should provide a sign of the outlook for those exposed to both the British and US economies.

*Tomkins, whose businesses* span guns to bread after last year's acquisition of Ranks Hovis McDougall, should confirm that cost-cutting is on target and that RHM is on course to contribute the best part of £100 million this year.

UBS looks for interim pre-tax profits, boosted by a £35 million to £41 million contribution from RHM, to reach £88 million (£47 million). Forecasts range from £84 million to £91 million. An interim dividend of 2.05p (1.8p) is forecast.

### TODAY

**Interims:** Barrow Hepburn, Ellis & Everard, Investment Co, Nobo Group, Tomkins. **Finals:** Aberdeen Trust, Dragon Oil, Thomas French, Merchants Trust (Q3), Treatt, Tribune Newspapers.
**Economic statistics:** Credit business (November), balance-of visible trade (October), housing starts (November).

### TOMORROW

**Interims:** Debenham Tewson, Hollas Group, Howden Group, Jacques Vert, PSIT, Savills, VHE Holdings. **Finals:** Dewhurst, Hawtin, M&W, Quality Care Homes, Watson & Philip.

### WEDNESDAY

NatWest Securities expects **First Leisure** to have lifted final pre-tax profit to £31 million (£30 million). Forecasts range from £31 million to £32.5 million. Its bowling alleys and discos may have started shaking off the recession, but worries remain on trading at seaside resorts.

Watchers of **David S Smith Holdings**, the paper group, expect a relatively upbeat statement on markets. Interim profits have suffered from the Kemsley development estimated to have lost about £5 million in the period. UBS forecasts £12 million pre-tax (£15 million), but a maintained 2.75p interim dividend.
**Interims:** Birkdale Group, Bromsgrove Industries, Dudley Jenkins, Fleming Geared Income, Goode Durrant, Property Trust, J Saville Gordon, David S Smith Holdings. **Finals:** First Leisure Corp, First National Finance, Irish Continental, Southern Business Group.
**Economic statistics:** Treasury monthly monetary report, unemployment and vacancies (December), average earnings, unit wage costs (November), overseas travel and tourism (October).

### THURSDAY

**Rank Organisation**, the leisure leader, should combine improved full-year profits and a maintained 31p dividend with confidence on prospects. Peter Hilliar, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, has pencilled in £264 million pre-tax (£234 million). Forecasts range from £245 million to £265 million. He expects a modest rise, to £145 million (£137 million), in Rank Xerox's contribution, but little further comment is likely on speculation about disposal of the 49 per cent stake. The holidays business should have done well, with a 9 per cent rise in bookings predicted, but average margins may be down. Any recovery at the hotels (now many fewer) will interest analysts. Betting should be up.

A steep fall in bad debts should help **TSB** to start the banks' reporting season with a bang. NatWest Securities expects full-year profits to jump to £261 million (£6 million). Forecasts range from £230 million to £307 million. Problems at the Hill Samuel merchant bank should have eased.

Profits growth at **Securicor Group** will again be fuelled by its 40 per cent stake in the Cellnet mobile phones business, which may contribute £50 million (£46 million). Smith New Court expects final pre-tax profits of £64 million (£47.7 million). The dividend should rise to 3p, from 2.62p.
**Interims:** Matthew Clarke, Cray Electronic Hldgs, Jones Stroud Hldgs, Kalt Energy, Wyko Group. **Finals:** A Kershaw & Sons, Microgen Holdings, Neotronics Technology, Rank Organisation, Securicor Group, Security Services, TSB.

### FRIDAY

**Interims:** Surrey Group. **Finals:** Eurocamp. **Economic statistics:** Issues and redemptions (Dec).

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Bock's Lonrho shares are securing £85m loan

AN 18.8 per cent holding in Lonrho owned by Dieter Bock, the German financier and heir presumptive to Tiny Rowland, the group's long-standing head, has been used as security for an £85 million loan from a subsidiary of Crédit Lyonnais, the French bank. Mr Bock, who is joint chief executive of Lonrho alongside Mr Rowland, said in an interview with *The Money Programme*, on BBC2, that he had pledged his shares to BfG Bank, a German arm of Crédit Lyonnais, as security for a loan. "I still owe the bank less than £100 million," Mr Bock said. He bought his 143 million shares in December 1992, for £135 million, although they are now worth almost twice that sum.

☐ House of Fraser has taken legal moves against a former director alleged to have supplied Lonrho with information during its campaign against House of Fraser's owners, the Fayed brothers. A writ lodged in the High Court by House of Fraser alleges that Lonrho paid £555,000 to Graham Jones, who had previously been House of Fraser's finance director.

## Queens Moat meeting

LEADING institutional debenture stockholders in the troubled Queens Moat Houses hotels group are to meet in London this morning to set up a committee to negotiate with the company. The six main debenture stockholders meeting at the Drury Lane Moat House Hotel, in central London, are Standard Life, Legal & General, Norwich Union, Sun Life Assurance, Eagle Star Life and Equitable Life. The meeting comes as Queens Moat, Britain's third-biggest hotel company, struggles to restructure a £1.3 billion debt mountain. One source close to the negotiations said: "The major debenture stockholders believe that it makes sense to formally set up a joint committee to conduct their talks with the company rather than all talking individually."

## Date set for BA launch

THE final part of British Airways' transatlantic $400 million link with USAir will be put in place on January 20 when services begin between Gatwick and Charlotte, North Carolina. The route is the third to be flown on the airline's behalf by USAir in BA livery. It follows approval by the US authorities for a three month "codesharing" agreement. Codesharing means that one airline can operate its flights with the code number of another, enabling passengers to transfer from one flight to another, as if making the journey on one airline. If the tie-up is successful, BA could take a further $450 million stake in USAir and increase its share to about 50 per cent if the US government approves.

## Gloom on Germany

GERMANY is showing no signs of economic recovery, according to the head of the economic panel of government advisers. "The upswing will not materialise this year," Herbert Hax said in an interview with the *Sonntag-Express* newspaper. Herr Hax is looking instead for economic stagnation and a rise in unemployment, but a moderating inflation trend. However, recovery in the United States and the United Kingdom would have a positive influence on Germany, he said. The German economy's "chief problem still lies with corporate investment", he said. High costs and general uncertainty kept companies from investing.

## ANS in £5m venture

ASSOCIATED Nursing Services, the nursing homes operator, is expected today to announce its third joint venture with Barclays de Zoete Wedd for a £5 million development of nursing homes in the Greater London area. The group, which operates more than 1,300 beds in 25 nursing homes, hopes to create about 150 beds in the London area by 1995 through its Ebbgate Nursing Homes joint venture with BZW. The homes are intended to fill the gap in purpose-built long term care facilities in London. Dr Nick Dhandsa, ANS's chief executive, said: "I am confident that the homes will generate an above average rate of return."


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David Hunt is an unequivocal fan of Training and Enterprise Councils but his faith may be tested by reports into their operation and finances

# Is the political clock quietly ticking away for TECs?

**A report out today amounts to a scathing criticism of the Government's answer to Britain's skills crisis, Philip Bassett writes**

David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, is unequivocal about the Government's Training and Enterprise Councils (TECs) — the business-led bodies that now run job training in Britain. He has told *The Times*: "I'm particularly pleased about the way the TECs are developing."

His pleasure may be tempered today by news of an investigation of TEC finances by the Government's principal spending watchdog, the National Audit Office, and by the first extensive, independent study of the TECs since they were set up three years ago. The councils were intended to be the agents of a revolution in Britain, a new approach to bridge the skills gap widely identified as a key cause of competitive failure.

NAO officials decided last month, in preparing their programme of work for 1994, to examine the finances of the 82 TECs in England and Wales. They will also examine TECs' counterparts in Scotland, the 22 Local Enterprise Companies (LECs)

The NAO's report, to be published later this year, will draw on a study of TECs and LECs carried out by the London School of Economics. Its findings, published today, amount to a scathing indictment of virtually every aspect of their work. Though constructive in tone, the 350-page LSE report is highly critical of the management and operations of the TECs.

Over the weekend, TEC leaders were in a frenzy of anxiety about the report. Some are deeply distressed about the potential public impact of its findings — especially their impact on business leaders, such as Sir Alastair Morton, of Eurotunnel, and Geoffrey Whalen, of Peugeot Talbot, who have given a great deal of their time and energies to the TECs on which they serve.

They are right to be concerned. "Far from fulfilling their mission of being world-class, business-led entities supporting mainstream development of skills and enterprise," the study says, "TECs are increasingly likely to drift into a second-tier role as business leaders lose interest, and staff with few business skills exert ever-greater control. Business empowerment has become largely a sham."

TECs were first announced late in 1988 after a road-to-Damascus conversion on a trip to America by Sir Norman Fowler, then Employment Secretary. Sir Norman had been impressed by the TECs' American forebears, called Private Industry Councils (PICs).

TECs have since been at times attacked and often heatedly defended by Mr Hunt and his predecessors. But previous criticisms pale into insignificance against the force of the LSE study.

The study carries particular weight for two reasons. It is a genuine and sympathetic attempt to be helpful, even though TEC leaders, who tend to be over-sensitive, will not view it that way. And it is clearly thorough: Professor Bob Bennett, the study's principal author, and his LSE team have carried out a study so searching that any attempt by wounded TECs to dismiss it will demonstrably fail.

On the basis of his study, Professor Bennett believes the political clock is already running fast on the TECs. "If they haven't delivered by 1995-96," he says, "then the Conservatives — many of whom are opponents of the TECs — will pull the plug." The study says TECs have "become a quango: a business-led body mainly doing the Government's job for the unemployed." The "deflection" of TECs from their economic purpose of focusing on the workforce to the "social problem of targeting the unemployed" is seen as a central failure.



Sir Norman: PIC and mix

The councils have become "dumping grounds" for Government problems, the study suggests, quoting one TEC chief executive as saying: "You can take it if the Government has passed the job to TECs it is very difficult or impossible to achieve, or there is little Government priority to allocate it resources."

The report breaks down its extensive criticisms of TECs and its recommendations for solving their problems into six broad areas:

☐ **Mission.** The Government's finance for programmes to train the unemployed does not match the Government's mission for the TECs to enhance the skills of the existing UK workforce and to develop businesses in local economies. *Action:* TECs' mission should be clarified.

☐ **Empowerment.** Though TEC boards have a majority of members from private-sector businesses at chief executive or chairman level, the report says such board members have often been powerless to intervene to influence strategy, and that the councils' operations lack sufficient flexibility from Treasury and Employment Department controls. *Action:* TEC budgets should be given greater flexibility.

☐ **Local conflict.** Parachuting the mechanism of TECs into local communities has brought conflicts with other business-led bodies such as chambers of commerce, resulting in "wasteful duplication". Chambers reorganised themselves radically a couple of years ago after a similar report from Professor Bennett, who has also worked closely with the CBI. *Action:* TECs and chambers should be merged.

☐ **Finances.** Probably the most immediately damning indictment is over finances. Though most TEC leaders consider themselves under-funded and over-audited, the study identifies waste of at least £250 million annually, and probably a good deal more. *Action:* Stronger cost control and more contracting out of service provision.

☐ **Staffing.** Because most TEC staff were originally seconded from the Civil Service, the study says many lack business skills. As many as 96 per cent of local businesses surveyed had a problem in dealing with TEC staff, especially unbusiness-like structures that always saw decisions referred to others. *Action:* end secondment immediately, and recruit new business-oriented staff.

☐ **Numbers.** The small size of some TECs means that they are small players in local business markets and inefficient in large labour markets. About half the TECs are close to, or below, a minimum viable size to be cost-efficient. *Action:* TECs should be merged to halve their present number.

Scottish LECs, which were set up in a different way, have been significantly more successful than TECs, the study argues. In particular, their arm's-length relationship to the Government has given LEC boards greater flexibility and allowed them to fit more closely to local needs.

On his trip six months ago, David Hunt found that the American PICs had largely atrophied, and were often unknown even in their own business areas: when he asked a Utah copper mine manager about PICs, the manager thought at first he was talking about companions to shovels.

The thrust of the LSE report is that Britain's TECs clearly face the prospect of going the same way. The real worry about that for the Government, TEC leaders, employers, employees and the unemployed is that mounting such an operation again would be well-nigh impossible. Having been bitten once to very little effect, private-sector businesses would fight very shy of being drawn in again to what many now resentfully regard as doing the Government's work for it.

If Mr Hunt is unequivocal about the TECs' progress, so too is the LSE study about what they require. It concludes: "A rescue package is needed and it is needed urgently." With the NAO starting to look at the books, Mr Hunt may need to consider how far the TEC experiment now needs saving.

*Local Empowerment and Business Services: Britain's Experiment with TECs*, by RJ Bennett, P Wicks & A McCoshan. UCL Press, £45.

# Once the floods recede, business may enjoy a spell of no weather



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Floods coursing through the streets — let alone the kitchen — dominate life and rule out normal daily activities. Heatwaves of brilliant sunshine, if you can remember them, divert us equally from the daily round. Exciting as weather extremes may be at a safe distance, for most of us the best kind of weather is no weather, or at least the kind of weather you do not notice other than to pass the time of day, weather that lets you get on with what you want to do, weather that you do not have to dress up or dress down for, weather that does not keep you indoors or force you outdoors. Britain may have lots of weather, but extremes are blessedly rare, whatever the constant breaking of records may suggest.

In business, it has long been the opposite: heatwaves followed by storms are the norm, with little in between. For most of the past 22 years, the British economy has either been riding a boom or sinking in a slump — ups and downs far more extreme than the inevitable business cycle need be. Managers trying to run companies have either been piling on the overtime, forgetting about quality and letting costs rip to make hay while the sun shines or battening down the hatches, closing plant, slashing overheads and investment and sacking skilled workers or layers of management to survive.

In the markets, it has been much the same. Stock prices have been extraordinarily volatile, to the extent that actually selecting which shares to buy has increasingly become a minor detail for institutional investors dominated by strategy: being in the right markets.

Homebuyers have alternately struggled to get on the ladder to ever-growing riches, or struggled to pay the bills and avoid the bailiff — as much in the early Seventies as in the past three years.

Could all this at last be changing? There is at least a strong possibility — it would tempt providence to say more — that, for the next couple of years, managers' lives will no longer be dominated by the business barometer. That economic statistics will prove as boring as they seem dry. That young people will buy houses when it suits them, in the confidence that prices will generally rise in line with their ability to pay, rather than be panicked by building societies trying to drum up business. That success on the stock market will depend on identifying successful companies and even, though far less likely, that volumes of forward and option business on Liffe, that haven from uncertainty, will fail to notch up a twelfth and thirteenth successive annual record.

That may not seem likely as London share prices strike new year records and commentators clamour for interest rate cuts to offset the supposed threat that tax rises will keep the economy in recession. But these seem the end of last year's story rather than the beginning of this year's. Shares and bonds have essentially been adjusting to a virtual halving of short-term interest rates in 14 months. While interest rates might fall further, short-term, their present level cannot be far off medium-term equilibrium.

If we really are moving to a low-inflation economy, it would not be surprising if the recovery was less than spectacular. Growth of, say, 2.5 per cent this year and next is equivalent to "no weather" rather than the heatwave of a cyclical recovery phase. Indeed, leading accountants have been popping up to say that is not a bad thing. Christopher Morris, insolvency specialist at Touche Ross, argues that company failures are falling sharply, at a time when they usually rise, precisely because recovery has been slow and companies have not been tempted into overtrading in a misguided effort to retrieve their fortunes fast.

**Managers' lives may no longer be dominated by the business barometer**

Judging from Ernst & Young's latest survey of owner-managed businesses, which claim they will grow on average three times as fast as the economy, Mr Morris's judgment could be premature unless the increased caution of burnt-fingered banks stays their hands. Smaller firms may be the engine of growth but not to that extent. The message is clear. Any attempt by business to get back to where it was in the boom — to bridge the recession as though it were an aberration — would be misguided. A third leading accountancy firm, Price Waterhouse, is even launching a pamphlet today entitled *Surviving the Recovery*, as though this was as big a problem as the recession. In some ways, it could well be.

As PW notes, and the CBI has been complaining, business investment has been a casualty of recession and survival strategies. Only recently has there been an upsurge of spending on information technology and that is mainly to cut costs. If there is a backlog of investment, trying to catch up and expand at the same time could strain cash and management resources. Those layers of skilled middle management stripped out to save costs did actually do something useful. Development work and marketing drives may have been a luxury in recession but they cannot be turned back on overnight. There are now few skilled employees twiddling their thumbs. Business may have left recession with costs under better control than ever, but it has been badly damaged.

Accountants are typecast as the voices of caution. Michael Heseltine thinks we have too many of them and they are too influential in business culture. That is the product of a generation of damaging economic extremes and there is no going back on that either. Accountants' caution makes more sense than exhortations from the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England to go for growth rather than profit margins.

Should the economy really enter a period of low inflation and relatively steady but slow growth, the business climate in the mid-1990s is more likely to resemble that in the mid-1930s than anything most contemporary managers have ever had to deal with. Growth of the economy will not be fast enough to be noticeable and the fortunes of businesses will be much more varied.

For most mainstream industry, pressure will remain on costs indefinitely. Growth will come from new product areas — probably software and service industries rather than the consumer manufactures of the 1930s — and from building steadily overseas. Don't rely on the economy to provide a following wind.

GILT-EDGED

# Investors must prepare for good times to end

What a year it was. The yields of many gilts finished below 6 per cent. Base rates, starting at a very low level, were cut further as inflation pressures remained subdued. Indeed, with headline inflation below 2 per cent towards the end of the year, many longer-term investors were relishing the prospect of high gilt prices for some considerable time. Oh, and the Beatles ended the year at the top of the charts.

That was 1963 and I reflect on it, not to highlight economic similarities between then and now, but to draw attention to risk. The inflation outlook at the end of 1963 was benign, but the subsequent economic buffeting has meant that it has taken 30 years for inflation and yields to fall to the same levels. In fact, inflation averaged more than 8 per cent a year between 1964 and 1993.

This is not to suggest that the same causes of inflation will necessarily emerge again. Just as, say, the oil price shocks of the 1970s could not have been predicted in the mid-1960s, we cannot hope to foresee the surprises in store for us in the long term.

This is why a risk premium needs to be built into yields: the more good news the market is discounting, the more important the risk premium becomes. Right now, a lot of good news is built into gilt prices. Long yields of 6.5 per cent do not give much leeway for things to go wrong, particularly as index-linked gilts indicate that real yields are close to 3 per cent. Index-linked gilts could easily turn out to be the best performers this year, with scope for longer real yields to fall to at least 2.75 per cent.

One must not be too gloomy about conventional gilts in the shorter term. Economic conditions are still generally favourable for bond markets, both in the UK and on the Continent. At home, further base rate cuts are likely, and inflationary pressures will remain subdued, at least for the earlier part of 1994. When tax rises begin to bite in the latter part of the year and in 1995, the pace of economic recovery will slacken.

**Yield spreads over French and German bonds are now low**

However, these tax rises should nudge inflation higher in a year or so and, combined with buoyant 1994 real GDP growth, threaten to hoist inflation over 4 per cent during 1995. By then, as well, I expect that overseas investors, having bought so heavily into sterling assets during the 1991-93 period, will want to repatriate some of this money.

Yield spreads of gilts over French and German bonds are already very low and, with the UK still ahead of these countries in the economic cycle, some continental investors are likely to perceive little further benefit in staying in gilts.

Conventional gilt prices, particularly medium and long maturities, will therefore have difficulty advancing in 1994; most return will come from income, rather than from capital gain.

Although there may be scope for shorter-term investors to establish a quick profit early in the year, longer-term players must be more cautious of the yields on offer. Yields at 6 per cent, or even 6.25 per cent, are unlikely to be adequate recompense for the long-term risk, particularly with inflation set to push higher in 1995.

In the first six months of 1964, the redemption yield of long gilts rose from 5.9 per cent to 6.2 per cent and, by the middle of the year, Roy Orbison had taken over at the top of the charts with the prophetic *It's Over*. Similarly, the good times may soon be over for the current generation of gilt investors.

STEPHEN SCOTT
*Kleinwort Benson*

## Hidden tax on Post Office customers

*From the Chairman,*
*Post Office Users' National Council (POUNC)*

Sir, I read "Price freeze costs Post Office a packet" (December 22) with interest since, in reality, it is postal users who will again bear the cost of Government policy over many years of taxation by stealth.

Government's financial regime for the Post Office comprises targets for return on capital, unit cost reduction and a cap on the ability to borrow, known as the External Financing Limit (EFL). For many years, the EFL has been expressed in negative terms, requiring the Post Office to contribute a cash levy to Government. Moreover, the Post Office has to generate this cash in addition to the resources it requires to fund day-to-day operations and its investment programme.

Perversely, the Post Office is not permitted to expand its services, such as taking advantage of new national and international opportunities in advanced mail services, nor offer additional services through its counters network.

POUNC has been a consistent critic of EFL, because of its arbitrary nature. However, by its 1992 Autumn Statement, Government increased the 1993/94 EFL target from £68 million to £181 million and, in response to our criticism, admitted that the additional cash was required as part of the effort to ease public sector funding difficulties. Regretably, in seeking to ease its own problems, the Government's action has resulted in otherwise unnecessary increased prices for postal users.

The extra penny that everyone has had to pay for first- and second-class stamps since November 1 is an increase that is not justifiable on any commercial or economic basis, but has been caused solely by the need for the Post Office to meet the large increase in its 1993/94 EFL target.

POUNC characterised this increase as a "tax on the post". Surprisingly, the increases, although inflationary, attracted little media attention at the time. However, recent press articles suggest that the true nature of the negative EFL requirement is gradually dawning. I hope so, because regrettably there is more to come.

One less publicised aspect of Mr Clarke's unified Budget is that the negative EFL target for 1994/95 has been further increased to £226 million — approximately 2p on each first- and second-class stamp. Put another way, it is more than the whole of Post Office profit after corporation tax.

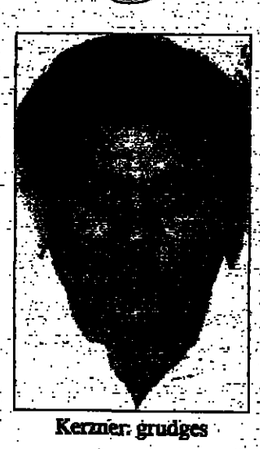
Government argues that it has set the Post Office's financial targets, and allowed the recent price increases, with taxpayers' interests in mind. The Post Office has not received any subsidy from public funds for at least 15 years, but, during this period, via the Post Office's EFL payments, users have contributed some £1.26 billion (at April 1993 prices) to the Exchequer.

Yours faithfully,
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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## King Kerzner in demand

WHAT price peace for Sol Kerzner, the flamboyant South African hotelier and casino king? Still basking in glory after the Miss World pageant, held in style at his Lost World complex near Johannesburg, Kerzner has found old grudges are not quickly forgotten in Africa. The government of Transkei, the nominally independent "homeland" which lies halfway up South Africa's eastern coast, is making a new attempt to have him tried on corruption charges. The dispute centres on an alleged payment of 2 million rand (around £400,000) to George Matanzima, former Transkei prime minister, in exchange for exclusive gambling rights for Sun International, the hotel and leisure group. A warrant of arrest remains outstanding, and the current Transkei regime has asked SA's transitional executive council for help in serving the warrant. However, the success of Kerzner, who bases himself near Henley-on-Thames, in promoting South Africa's tourism industry should provide all the immunity he needs. Besides, he has long since swapped Transkei for more glamorous locations. He recently bought into a resort in the Bahamas through a deal with the Cayzer family, adding to hotels in Mauritius and the Comoros islands in the Indian Ocean.



Kerzner: grudges

## In the picture

MORE imaginative City stationery may be mailed this year by those City individuals and companies who "adopt" a painting through Dulwich Picture Gallery. The gallery hopes many will take a painting as a New Year resolution, and in exchange secure the right to use it as a logo. The idea is to conserve a painting or even just its frame and receive appropriate recognition. It was devised by Giles Waterfield, the gallery director, when taking his godson to visit London Zoo, where he noticed one can adopt an animal without actually taking it home. Peter Bowring, the retired managing director of Bowrings and ex-chairman of Help the Aged, has adopted "George, Lord Digby", painted by Van Dyck, around 1630. Cable and Wireless has adopted "Landscape with Cow Drinking" by Wynants, and the Hambland Foundation is funding "Samson and Delilah" by Van Dyck. The scheme means a painting can often be taken out of storage, cleaned and conserved for future generations. The outlay ranges from £1,000 up to £40,000. Details from Victoria Bethell on 081-693 5254.

## Thin ice

TACT, gentlemen, tact . . . The Broomball League, now packing them in at the Broadgate ice-rink, recently pitted the College Hill Blues, a team of City public relations advisers, against a team from Exco money brokers, who sponsor the league. The team from College Hill were successful — which is unfortunate, since they do Exco's PR. I hear that a second clash is on the cards. Skating on thin ice as they are, and mindful of PR fees, perhaps College Hill will do the honourable thing and let the client win.

## Pizza nuts

NEWS that Compass Group, the catering company, has won the contract to open Pizza Hut kiosks in airports, stations and elsewhere caused some merriment in the Square Mile. Compass, one may recall, offers a range of branded foods, including Le Croissant Shop and Burger King. One may also recall that, just before Christmas, the company paid £900,000 for Roux Fine Dining, the executive dining service built up by Albert and Michel Roux. Clients include James Capel, Kleinwort Benson and Morgan Stanley, among other blue-blooded names. Square Mile wags expect to see pizza and hamburgers on the menu in the very near future.

JON ASHWORTH

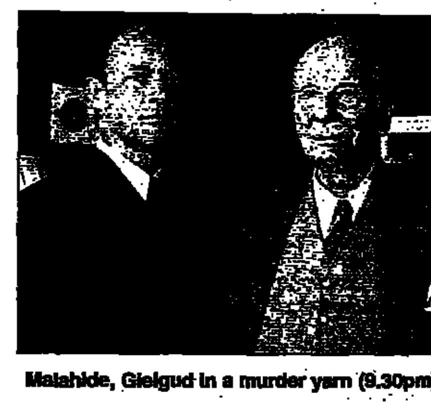
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## BBC1

**6.00 Business Breakfast.** (71381)
**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (89592687)
**9.05 Kilroy.** Topical studio discussion (4438584)
**9.45 Newshound.** Current affairs quiz presented by Ross King (s) (1695749)
**10.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9893478) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (5015687)
**10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick.** Weekday family magazine (s) (61652300)
**12.15 Pebble Mill** with Alan Titchmarsh. Music is provided by Darren Day (s) (4382958) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (67507958)
**1.00 One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (82836)
**1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (13523687) **1.50 XYZ.** Alphabet-based quiz (s) (13527403)
**2.15 Knots Landing.** American drama serial (s) (5591381) **3.05 Family Affairs.** Caron Keating, Gloria Hunniford, and Michael Keating look at hi-tech photo albums (s) (9136836) **3.35 The Complete BBC Diet.** A new guide to fighting flab (7471519)
**3.45 Bump.** Animation (7617861) **3.50 Model Millie.** First of a 13-part serial about a girl who builds a model world (s) (7370836) **4.05 Batfink** (9226045) **4.10 Jackanory.** Rik Mayall reads part one of *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl (r) (s) (1586284) **4.25 SuperTed.** Cartoon (r) (9220861) **4.35 Albert The 5th Musketeer** (s) (9484855)
**5.00 Newsround** (4113107) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (1684132)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r) (Ceefax) (521300). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** *with Peter Sissons and Jennie* Bond. (Ceefax) and weather (519)
**6.30 Regional News Magazines** (671). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
**7.00 Family Watch.** A series of live programmes from the homes of four families. (s) (8107)
**7.30 Watchdog – Driving Special.** An investigation of driving standards. Seven out of ten motorists, picked at random, failed the driving test. (Ceefax) (855)
**8.00 A Question of Sport.** Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Michael Bentt, Damon Hill, Rob Andrew and Erik Thorsvedt. (Ceefax) (7855)
***8.30 The Brittas Empire.*** New series about the manager of a leisure centre. Sebastian Coe appears as himself. (Ceefax) (s) (2590)
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News** *with* Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4126)



**Malahide, Gielgud in a murder yarn (9.30pm)**

**9.30 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries.** A feature-length special with the upper-crust 1940s detective, played by Patrick Malahide, investigating the discovery of a body found outside the home of Percival Pyke Period, played by Sir John Gielgud (s) (351229)
**11.10 Match of the Day – The Road to Wembley.** Highlights of tonight's FA Cup third round tie between Millwall and Arsenal (s) (913107)
**11.50 Film 94 with Barry Norman.** *Carlito's Way*, starring Al Pacino, and *The Good Son*, with Macaulay Culkin are among the films reviewed (s) (581107)
**12.20am Careering Ahead.** (r) (3796904) **12.50 Weather** (4214695). *Ends at 12.55*
**2.00-3.50 BBC Select: Voluntary Sector Television** (80966) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (28679) **3.30 *Pathways to Care*** (76454256)

## BBC2

**6.00 Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (2727297)
**8.15 The History Man** *visits a Cornish tin mine (r)* (1185497) **8.20 Thirty Something.** Parents want a limit on the number of pupils in primary classes (r) (6182229)
**8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). (6445403)
**9.05 Daytime on Two.** Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Puppydog Tales (74299045) **1.25-1.40** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (s) (57440497)
**2.00 News** *(Ceefax)* and weather (15065126) **2.05 Numbers Plus: Infant Maths** (r) (75943738)
**2.15 A Desperate Fortune.** The story of Matthew *Flinders, the first man to circumnavigate Australia* (1641381)
**3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (7352126) **3.05 Songs** ***of Praise** from Carrickfergus (r). (Ceefax)* (s) (9343671) **3.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (7534584) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (7530788)
**4.00 Today's the Day.** Quiz with Martyn Lewis (s) (584)
**4.30 People of the Valley.** Start of the Welsh language soap opera, with English subtitles, on Mondays and Thursdays (788). **Wales:** Pride of Place
**5.00 Catchword.** Word game (s) (9213)
**5.30 The Great British Garden Show.** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (720)
**6.00 Def II: The Fresh Prince of Bel Air.** Comedy. Philip and Vivian renew their marriage vows (943229) **6.25 Def II: Ren and Stimpy.** First in an animated series about Ren, a grumpy chihuahua, and his feline friend, Stimpy (921854) **6.50 Def II: Goggle Eyes.** Comedy drama adapted from Anne Fine's novel about a one-parent family. In the first episode, divorcée Rosie falls for an older man (r) *(Ceefax) (425584)*



**Billy Connolly traces Scottish art (7.30pm)**

**7.30** CHOICE **The Bigger Picture.** (Ceefax) (s) (497)
**8.00** CHOICE **Horizon: Small Arms, Soft Targets.** (Ceefax) (791045)
**8.50 Funky Black Shorts.** The first of six dramas reflecting the experiences of black and Asian people (Ceefax) (427126)
**9.00 FILM: Fandango** (1985), starring Kevin Costner. Steven Spielberg was brought in to help expand this film to feature length. Five college friends decide to have a final fling before going to fight in Vietnam. Directed by Kevin Reynolds. (Ceefax) (3497)
**10.30 Newsnight.** (Ceefax) (411039)
**11.15 The Late Show.** Arts and media magazine (s) (903720) **11.55 Weather** (726478)
**12.00 FILM: Three Strange Loves** (1949, b/w). Ingmar Bergman film about a couple whose unhappiness is paralleled by the fate of the husband's former mistress. In Swedish with English subtitles (7822850) Ends at **1.25am**

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**Jan Francis sells to the highest bidder (ITV, 9.00pm)**

**Under the Hammer**
*ITV, 9.00pm*

John Mortimer takes his amiable wit and facility for well-crafted drama from the law courts to a West End auction house. On the early evidence *Under the Hammer* seems unlikely to match the rich humour of the Falstaffian Rumpole but it offers civilised entertainment with the minimum of sex and no violence. Taking time off from Victor Meldrew Richard Wilson plays an expert on the Italian Renaissance and seems to get most of the best lines. Or *perhaps it is just the way he says them. Jan Francis is* head of Old Masters. Their first adventure involves a picture which could either be a 16th century masterpiece or a fake run up by an amateur. The plot unfurls with satisfying ingenuity.

**The Bigger Picture**
*BBC2, 7.30pm*

Billy Connolly presents what is claimed to be the first television history of Scottish painting. He starts in Rome which in the 18th century was the mecca for many a Scottish artist determined to soak himself in the classical forms and introduce them back home. Rome was also the headquarters of the Jacobite pretenders in exile, although Bonnie Prince Charlie is not best known for his aptitude with the brush. Never mind, it makes a good story. In any case the main focus is on Robert Adam, king of the neo-classicists and dubbed Bob the Roman. Although the series is written by Andrew Gibbon Williams, Connolly delivers the words with such fluency and timing he makes you think he has coined them himself.

**Cutting Edge: Intolerance**
*Channel 4, 9.00pm*

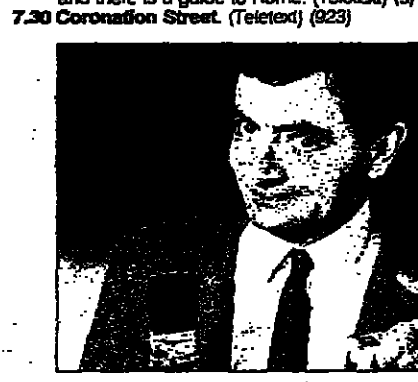
An anthology of cases taken from around the country reveals the extraordinary intensity of disputes between neighbours. For two young couples from Plymouth the issue is no more serious than a shared parking bay. But it has kept them arguing for four years. Then there is a chap in Croydon who has put a Centurion tank in *his front garden, along with a huge fish and a 14-foot* high inflatable Winston Churchill. The road's other residents are not amused. More serious is a North-east family, the Pitts, with eight children and four rottweilers who are often at the centre of violence. At least there have been no fatalities. The same cannot be said about a boundary dispute in Gloucestershire which led to one of the participants being shot dead.

**Horizon: Small Arms, Soft Targets**
*BBC2, 8.00pm*

As the threat of nuclear war recedes, conventional *warfare is making a comeback. You only have to look* at Bosnia, Somalia, Cambodia, Afghanistan and the Gulf. The first of a new series of *Horizon* examines the *implications. It shows* how technology is producing rifles, machineguns and hand grenades of ever-increasing potency. It points out that land mines have caused more casualties in Cambodia than any other weapon. And it looks forward to a generation of laser guns which can inflict immediate and permanent blindness. Meanwhile, surgeons of the Red Cross are campaigning for tighter laws on the design and use of weapons. They, after all, have to put the shattered limbs back together.
**Peter Waymark**

## ITV LONDON

**6.00 GMTV.** Includes, at **9.00, Top of the Morning** with *Amanda Redington (1561045)*
**9.25 Win, Lose or Draw.** Quiz game (6985836) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5928107)
**10.00 The Time ... The Place** *John Stapleton hosts a* topical studio discussion (7373316)
**10.35 This Morning** Daytime magazine programme with *Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley* (61653039) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2536229)
**12.30 ITN Lunchtime News** *(Teletext)* and weather (1544774)
**12.55 Coronation Street** (r) (1456565) **1.25 Home and Away.** *(Teletext) (54704346)* **1.55 Capital Woman.** Focus on London life with Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner (s) (13448942)
**2.20 A Country Practice.** Australian *medical drama* (s) (87344213) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in Australian hospital (3732958)
**3.20 News** headlines (7432316) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7431687)
**3.30 Tots TV** (s) (7467316) **3.40 Rainbow** (7521010) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (1379478) **4.20 Harry's Mad** (2343861) **4.50 Art Attack** with Neil Buchanan (2321497)
**5.10 Home and Away** (r). (Teletext) (5554671)
**5.40 ITN Early Evening News** (Teletext) and weather (959773)
**6.00 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (57045)
**7.00 Wish You Were Here ..?** Judith Chalmers visits Gran Canaria, Victoria Studd goes on a Baltic cruise and there is a guide to Rome. (Teletext) (s) (9403)
**7.30 Coronation Street.** (Teletext) (923)



**Rowan Atkinson has a brush with DIY (8.00pm)**

**8.00 Do It Yourself, Mr Bean.** The bumbling character created by Rowan Atkinson tries his hand at a spot of home decorating (2923)
**8.30 World in Action.** A report on the prospects for babies born in the Royal Maternity Hospital, Belfast, in the light of recent political developments (s) (4958)
**9.00** CHOICE **Under the Hammer.** (Teletext) (2687)
**10.00 News at Ten** (Teletext) and weather (43300)
**10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (553377)
**10.40 Dave Allen** A repeat of the comedian's most recent series (s) (356687)
**11.10 Magnum.** Hawaii-based private detective series (306768)
**12.00 The Little Picture Show.** News of the latest video and film releases, including *The Assassin*, a *Hollywood remake of the French film, Nikita,* (93695)
**1.00 Shannon's Deal.** New series about a Philadelphia *lawyer who rebuilds his life and* career after a gambling addiction (9316256)
**1.50 Beyond Reality.** American drama about two investigative parapsychologists (2341985)
**2.20 Nite Bites.** Sesame chicken (s) (6502701)
**2.30 Sport AM** (50017)
**3.30 Family Theatre.** Drama about racial tension which tests the friendship between a white boy and a black boy (46852)
**4.30 Hollywood Report** (r) (s) (47904)
**5.00 Riviera.** The final episode of the French drama serial (92053)
**5.30 ITN Morning News** (92817) Ends at **6.00**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.35 Pole Position.** Animated adventures (5894519)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** *with Chris Evans and Gaby* Roslin (78687)
**9.00 You Bet Your Life.** American game show with Bill Cosby *(r) (s) (37749)*
**9.30 Schools:** Geography Start Here! (6351565) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (6447316) **10.02** Science *Start Here! (3687126)* **10.18** World Studies: The Politics of Food (3742861) **10.40** The English Programme: Writing non-fiction (3888229) **11.07** *Time for Maths (8264132)* **11.18** Mathsbook (6182584) **11.30** Rat-a-tat-tat (5523132) **11.45** Junior Technology: Designing and Making (5528687)
**12.00 Right To Reply** (r) (Teletext) (s) (40213)
**12.30 Sesame Street.** Entertaining early learning series (97836) **1.30 Bobobobs** *(r)* (73039)
**2.00 Homefront.** A feature-length episode introduces a 24-part series about the problems faced by three soldiers who return from the Second World War to a small Ohio town, River Run, and try to pick up their lives. Hank finds that the girl he left behind no longer wants to marry him while Charlie meets an old girlfriend when he brings his wife to town. Starring Harry O'Reilly, David Newsom and Sterling Macer Jr (s) (8608107)
**3.15 Call of the Jitterbug.** The story of the 1940s dance craze (r) (9952039)
**3.55 Nature Perfected.** A history of gardening (r). (Teletext) (4824652)
**4.30 Countdown.** Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (836) **5.00 The Late Late Show,** Gay Byrne's *chat show (s) (6316)*
**6.00 The Wonder Years.** It's time for the Arnold men to go on their annual fishing expedition (r) (Teletext) (229)
**6.30 Roseanne.** Wisecracking comedy series (r). (Teletext) (381)
**7.00 Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (323823) **7.50 Comment** Richard Berkeley Dennis argues for greater commitment to music teaching in schools (Teletext) (296923)
**8.00 Brookside.** Katie confronts Simon about his infidelity. (Teletext) (s) (8215)
**8.30 Desmond's.** Porkpie mounts his opposition to the Channel tunnel (r). (Teletext) (s) (2300)



**The Pitt family and their rottweilers (9.00pm)**

**9.00** CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Intolerance.** (Teletext) *(s) (1359)*
**10.00 Homicide: Life on the Street.** The drugs squad has made its biggest haul so the homicide squad *prepares for a busy week as the local gangs turn on* each other. (Teletext) (s) (3316)
**11.00 In the Valley of the Wupper.** Israeli-born film maker, Amos Gitai, documents the case of a man who was found murdered in 1992 after objecting to racist talk in a bar in Wuppertal, Germany. Gitai uncovers strong undercurrents of racism in the city and questions the enthusiasm of the local police in investigating the killing (609497)
**12.10am Evening Shade.** American comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (3797633)
**12.40 Let the Blood Run Free.** Raucous Australian black comedy (r) (s) (8885256)
**1.10 Town and Country.** John Prine introduces music by George Strait and the Ace in the Hole band (r) (4503072). Ends at **2.10**

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** *Evening Session* **9.00** Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (r) **9.30** Room 101: Ian Hislop talks about his pet hates **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Adrian Love **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **8.15** Pause for Thought **8.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Sue Cook **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Jazz Score **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

## RADIO 5

**6.00am** World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: English 9-11; **9.20** Infant History; **9.30** The Song Tree: Music Course 1; **9.45** Let's Move!; *10.05 History 9-11: Invaders and Settlers* **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **2.30pm** Body Talk: Loyd Grossman and Dr Trisha Macnair offer tips on eating *healthily and* taking regular exercise **1.10** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** *John Inverdale's Drive-in* **6.30** Kiss Me Quick: Comedy soap by Juliet Ace **7.15** Flour Babes, by Anne Fine. Read by Adrian Edmondson (1/5) **7.30** Champion Sport, including at **6.00** commentary on the Arsenal v Millwall match **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

## WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English *4.45 News and Press Review in German* **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** The Untouchables **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Unconsidered Trifles **9.30** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** *News Summary 10.01* Heritage **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin. News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Inspiration **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Off the Shelf: Off the Rails* **2.45** The Multitrack Sessions **3.00** News **3.15** Opera of the Week **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell: News in German **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** *Nachrichten* **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe *Today* **9.00** *Newshour* **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report Special **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Inspiration **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports **3.30** John *Peel* **4.00** News **4.15** *Health Matters*

## CLASSIC FM

**6.00am** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: C.P.E. Bach (Flute Concerto in G: *Jennifer Stinton*) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Musical Landscapes: Sussex **8.00** Evening Concert: Mischa Maisky plays Bach (Cello Suite No 2 in D minor, BWV 1008); Bruch (Kol Nidrei); Brahms (Double Concerto) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Joan Markham

## VIRGIN 1215

**6.00am** Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** *Paul Coyte*



## VARIATIONS

### ANGLIA
**As London except: 1.55** A Country Practice (13448942) **2.20-2.50** Cooking At The Academy (87344213) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (5554671) **6.00** Home And Away (687855) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (382861) **10.30** Anglia News (553377) **10.40** Love Call (974403) **11.40** Street Legal (388497) **12.35am** Sword Of Honour (2276898) **1.30** Sport AM (18896) **2.30** Memories Of 1970-1989 (4674459) **3.25** The Beat (4271072) **4.20** Jobfinder (8813343) **5.05-5.30** America's Top 10 (9273148)

### CENTRAL
**As London except: 1.55** Shortland Street (13448942) **2.20** Cooking At The Academy (87344213) **2.50-3.20** *A Country Practice* (3732958) **5.10-5.40** Swot Or Wot? (5554671) **6.00-7.00** Home And Away (57045) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (380720) **12.05am** *On The Grid* (6863904) **12.40** Wanted Dead Or Alive (9887614) **1.10** Film: The Shadow Riders (922237) **2.55** Sport AM (4677546) **3.55** Night Shift (32275701) **4.00** *Jobfinder* (7431140) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4000817)

### GRANADA
**As London except: 12.55** Home And Away (1456565) **1.25-3.20** Film: Broken Promise (82211590) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (5554671) **6.00** Home And Away (687) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (869) **11.10** World Championship Boxing (380720) **12.05am** The Hidden Room (3767492) **12.35** Sword of Honour (2276898) **1.30** Sport AM (18896) **2.30** Memories Of 1970-1991 (4674459) **3.25** The Beat (4271072) **4.20** Jobfinder (8813343) **5.05-5.30** America's Top 10

### HTV WEST
**As London except: 1.55** A Country Practice (13448942) **2.20-2.50** Yan Can Cook (87344213) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (7431687) **6.00** HTV News (687) **6.30-7.00** Hannah USA (869) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (553377) **11.10** Police 25 (351768) **11.40** Spotlight (675580) **12.10am** Grapevine (2900121) **12.35** Sword of Honour (2276898) **1.30** Sport AM (18896) **2.30** Memories Of 1970-1989 (4674459) **3.25** The Beat (4271072) **4.20** Jobfinder (8813343) **5.05-5.30** America's Top 10 (9273148)

### HTV WALES
**As HTV WEST except: 6.00-6.30** Wales At Six (687) *11.10 Voyage Around Africa* (855871) **11.55-12.10pm** Rock Sport (486871) **5.40am-5.50** Cartoon Time

### MERIDIAN
**As London except: 1.55** A Country Practice (13448942) **2.20** Houseparty (87344213) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3732958) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (687) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (869) *11.10-12.00pm Murder, She Wrote* (306768) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (92053)

### TYNE TEES
**As London except: 1.55** A Country Practice (13448942) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (87426861) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (208126) **6.30-7.00** Put It In Writing (869) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (553377) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (380720) **12.05am** Sail The World (3767492) **12.35** Film: Lonelyhearts Club (1769985) **1.25** Home And Away (3858148) **2.30** The New Music (50017) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (2941695) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (9000986)

### WESTCOUNTRY
**As London except: 1.55** The Young Doctors (28025768) **2.25** Gardening Time (87343584) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (9453861) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (7431687) **6.00** Westcountry Live (57045) **7.00-7.30** Wish You Were Here (9403) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (553377) **11.10** The Window To Life (351768) **11.40** The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (613720) *12.30am My Story (4229527)* **12.35** Sword of Honour (2276898) **1.30** Sport A.M. (18896) **2.30** Memories Of 1970-1989 (4674459) **3.25** The Beat (4271072) **4.20** Jobfinder (8813343) **5.05-5.30** America's Top 10 (9273148)

### YORKSHIRE
**As London except: 1.55** A Country Practice (13448942) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (87426861) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (9140039) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (7431687) *5.55 Calendar (208126)* **6.30-7.00** Enterprise 94 (869) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (553377) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (380720) **12.05am** Sail The World (3767492) **12.35** Film: Lonely Hearts Club (559071) **2.30** The New Music (50017) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (2941695) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (9000986)

### S4C
**Starts: 7.00am** The Big Breakfast (78687) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (37749) **9.30** Ysgolion (217497) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (40213) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (74788) **1.00** Roseanne (71774) **1.30** Blossom (73039) **2.00** Homefront (8608107) **3.15** The Boy Who Sang O For The Wings Of A Dove (8656126) **4.00** Slot 23 (1652) **5.00** Batman (4381) **5.30** Countdown (316) **6.00** Newyddion (225855) **6.10** Cwlwm Serch (318519) **6.25** Heno (360403) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7045) **7.30** Deweddau (565) **8.00** Mor-Ladron (8215) **8.30** Newyddion (2300) **9.00** Sgorio (1359) **10.00** Brookside (41942) **10.30** Gwobrwyon Ffilm A Theledu Bafta Cymru 1993 (81942) **11.30** Cheers (462403) **12.20am** Cousin Bobby (3949481)

## RADIO 3

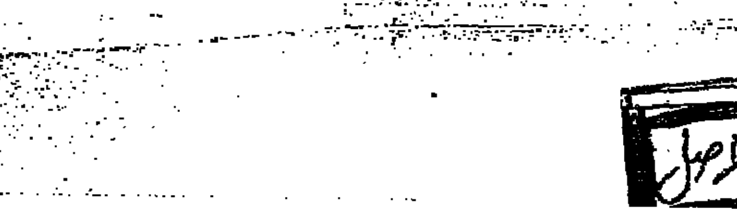
**6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air:** Balfour Gardiner (Overture to a Comedy); Mendelssohn (Song without Words; Op 30 No 1); J.C. Bach (Symphony in E flat, *Op 3 No 3*); *Bax (Summer* Music); Gabrieli (Canzona a 12); Brahms (String Quartet No 1 in F, Op 88)
**9.00 Composer of the Week:** Samuel Wesley (Air, Twelve Short Pieces, No 8; O Sing *unto My Roundelay;* Symphonies in A, D and E flat)
**10.00 Musical Encounters:** Piers Burton-Page explores the work of violinist Yehudi Menuhin. Bach (Concerto in D minor for two violins, BWV 1043); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in A, Kreutzer); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor)
**12.00 Angles on Puccini:** Jonathan *Miller talks to James Naughtie* about *Tosca* and introduces excerpts (r) **1.00pm News**
**1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert** live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Nobuko Imai, viola, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Schubert (Sonata in A minor, Arpeggione); Bach, arr Kodály (Chromatic Fantasy); Brahms (Viola Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2)
**2.05 A Dutch Retrospect:** Rotterdam PO under Jeffrey Tate plays Strauss (Symphonic Interlude, Intermezzo); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C, *K503: Emanuel Ax*); Tristan Keuris (Capriccio for 12 wind instruments and double bass); Strauss (Symphonic Fantasy, Die Frau ohne Schatten)
**3.25 All the Music's a Stage:** Aspects of Shakespeare through music by Morley, Rautavaara and Berlioz
**3.45 Elizabethan Words and Music:** *Paul Agnew, tenor,* and Christopher Wilson, lute, perform musical settings of *poetry by John Donne*
**4.30 A Different Rhythm:** The impact of black music on the British music scene
**5.00 The Music Machine:** *See* Choice
**5.15 In Tune:** Bazzini (La ronde des lutins); Tchaikovsky (The Voyevoda, Op 78); Handel (Whither Shall I Fly? Hercoles); Howells (Organ Rhapsody)
**7.30 EBU Concert** live from the BBC Maida Vale studios. BBC SO under Ion Marin performs Bartók (Dance Suite); Ligeti (Violin Concerto: Saschko Gawriloff). **8.25** Out of the Dance, by Aileen Ireland. **8.45** Stravinsky (Jeu de Cartes); Debussy (Iberia)
**9.30 Why Bother?** A series of spoof interviews by Chris *Morris and Peter Cook*
**9.40 Music from India:** The singer Shobha Gurtu performs the song form *thumri*
**10.45 Mixing It,** with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell
**11.30 Music Restored:** Handel (Aminta e Fillide: Julia Gooding and Lorna Anderson, sopranos: London Baroque under Charles Medlam)
**12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School** (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
**2.30-3.00 Night School Extra:** English Resources

## RADIO 4

**5.55am** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **6.45** Business News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The *Week on 4* **8.40** *Do Angels* Wear Brassieres? by Olive Senior. Read by Adjoa Andoh (1/2) (r) **8.58** Weather
**9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week,** with Melvyn Bragg and Brenda Maddox. Their guests are Billy Connolly, Alexei Sayle, Jane Corbin and Hilary Wainwright
**10.00-10.30 Question of Taste** (FM only): Chris Kelly chairs the *panel game, with regulars Oz* Clarke, Antony Worral Thompson and guests
**10.00 News; Daily Service** (LW only) from the Cathedral Church of St Mary's, Edinburgh
***10.15 The Bible** (LW only).* Matthew Read by Derek Jacobi (r)
**10.30 Woman's Hour.** Linda Collister looks at the Grant loaf. Incl **11.00 News**
**11.30 Money Box Live:** 071-580 4444. Lines open from 10am
**12.00 News; You and Yours**
**12.25pm My Music:** Musical panel game chaired by Steve Race **12.55** Weather
**1.00 The World at One,** with James Naughtie
**1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping
**2.00 News; The Third Mask,** by Jenny Sinclair. Rachel's solo holiday in Venice proves to be liberating (r)
**3.00 Three Actors in Search of a Character:** John Florance talks to actors Keith Michell, John Stride and Richard Griffiths about Henry VIII (r)
**3.30 Bamboo and Barbed Wire:** A series on women interned by *the Japanese during the* Second World War
**4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope** Investigates the reputation of the writer Aldous Huxley
**4.45 Short Story:** The Man from the South, by Roald Dahl. Read by Terry Molloy (r)
**5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
**6.00 Six O'Clock News**
**6.30 Just a Minute** (r)
**7.00 News 7.05 The Archers**
**7.20 The Food Programme,** with *Derek Cooper (r)*
**7.45 The Monday Play:** Spring Sonata. See Choice
**9.15 Kaleidoscope** (r)
**9.45 The Financial World Tonight** **9.59** Weather
**10.00 The World Tonight,** with *Robin Lustig*
**10.45 A Book at Bedtime:** Mist in the Mirror, a ghost story by Susan Hill. Read by Gareth Armstrong, with John Moffatt as narrator (1/5)
**11.00 Discursive Excursions:** Talking travellers in the Sahara and Arabian deserts (r)
**11.30 Pete McCarthy's Abroad:** *Perrier Award winner Pete* McCarthy muses on his travels in Australia and the joys of a *British winter*
**11.45 Today in Parliament**
**12.00-12.43am News,** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

**The Monday Play: Spring Sonata.** *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Bernice Rubens's surreal black comedy is ostensibly about a three-year phantom pregnancy. What it is *really* about is the folly of trying to plan another person's life *with the precision of a military campaign.* The "other person" in Olwen Wymark's adaptation of the novel is a non-existent baby (Richard Pearce). Not wanting to be born into a hostile world, he plays his violin *in the womb of his childless mother* (Amanda Root) who is already planning a virtuoso's life for him. The whole thing can only end tragically and it does.

**The Music Machine.** *Radio 3, 5.00pm.*
Guy Woolfenden, the Royal Shakespeare Company's music man at Stratford, is just the chap to tell Tommy Pearson what the food of love can do for the Bard. He has composed for every Shakespeare play, memorably for *Two Gentlemen of Verona* with "Who is Sylvia?" delivered in 1930s "anyone for tennis?" style. When Peter Hall asked him to write a medieval fascist fanfare, he did not bat an eyelid. There is more music for Shakespeare in Graham Fawcett's *All the Music's a Stage* at 3.25pm.
**Peter Davalle**

LUNCHTIME CONCERTO 2PM.
BEETHOVEN - PIANO CONCERTO NO.3.
CLASSIC FM 100-102


## SATELLITE

### SKY ONE
**6.00am** DJ Kat (89216132) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7431045) **9.10** Cartoons (2073381) **9.30** Card Sharks (9906720) **9.55** Concentration (9823039) *10.25 Dynamo Duck* (6145294) **10.30** Love at First Sight (84671) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (22478) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (75923) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (80738) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (93861) **2.00** Masada (98923) **3.00** Another World (6847519) **3.45** DJ Kat (2367126) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9478) **6.00** Games World (1519) **6.30** Paradise Beach (2571) **7.00** Rescue (4687) **7.30** Growing Pains (8855) **8.00** Heroes (43836) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (55871) **11.00** Untouchables (36871) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (33237) **1.00am** Night Court (49904) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (68168)

### SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
**6.00am** Sunrise (13381) **9.30** Roving Report (34942) **10.30** Book Show (80687) **11.30** Japan Business (46045) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (84403) **1.30** CBS News (65132) **2.30** Parliament Live (84749) **4.30** News and Business Report (5768) **5.00** Live at Five (492126) **7.30** Special Report (6497) **9.30** Talkback (10584) **11.30** CBS News (76590) **12.30am** ABC News (70850) **1.30** Special Report (32492) **2.30** Travel (97558) **3.30** Talkback (47053) **4.30** Special Report (84343) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (18411)

### SKY MOVIES
**6.00am Showcase** (5585497)
**10.00 A Family for Joe** (1990): A down-and-out *becomes a grandfather (70713045)*
**11.40 Lord Jim** (1964): Joseph Conrad's story of a sailor's suffering (88196107)
**2.15pm Agatha** (1979): Drama based on Agatha Christie's 11 missing days *(113519)*
**4.00 The Shakiest Gun in the West** (1968): Don Knotts is chased by outlaws (7010)
**6.00 A Family for Joe** (as 10am) (15457851)
**7.40 UK Top Ten** (223942)
**8.00 The Doctor** (1991): Surgeon William Hurt finds he has cancer (59608107)
**10.05 Predator 2** (1990) Danny Glover pursues an alien in Los Angeles (182671)
**12.05am Hurricane Smith** (1990): Carl Weathers searches for his sister (4189411)
**1.35 Where's Poppa?** (1970): A lawyer's mother wrecks his love life (5552695)
**2.55 976-Evil II** (1991). Teenagers try to stop a strangler from killing again (6471362)
**4.25-6.05 Agatha** (as at 2.15pm) (636275)

### SKY MOVIES GOLD
*6.00pm* **Little Women** *(1949): Sisters grow* up in pre-Civil War America (20923)
**8.00 Saboteur** (1942, b/w) A munitions worker is accused of sabotage (32768)
***10.00 Water** (1985): Comedy of errors with* Michael Caine (91923). Ends at **11.45**

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL
**6.00am The Kid from Texas** (1950): Audie Murphy stars as Billy the Kid (35229)
**8.00 Ali Baba:** Animated classic (50403)
***9.00 Around the World in 80 Days:*** *The* adventures of Phileas Fogg (3695279)
**10.00 Tower of London** (1962): Historic horror story with Vincent Price (91862748)
***11.35 The Pride and the Passion** (1957)* Spanish wartime epic (93237039)
**1.50pm Only Angels Have Wings** (1939, b/w): Mail pilot Cary Grant battles air pockets and predatory women (82233228)
**4.00 Ali Baba** (as 8am) (15565)
**5.00 Around the World in 80 Days** (as *8am) (8316)*
**6.00 The Keys** (1991): Two brothers come into conflict with developers (37229)
**8.00 Deceived** (1991): Goldie Hawn discovers her husband's real identity (32774)
**10.00 Stone Cold** (1991): A cop infiltrates a gang of biker criminals (328671)
***11.35 The Last Prostitute*** (1991). Two boys attempt to visit a famous hooker (625861)
**1.10am Flight of the Black Angel** (1990): A mad pilot threatens to destroy a city (562879)
**2.55 Gumshoe** *(1972): Bingo caller Albert* Finney finds a corpse in his flat (8147324)
**4.20 The Keys** (as at 6pm) (364411). Ends at **6.20**

### SKY SPORTS
**7.00am** Prime Bodies (61381) **7.30** American Sports (31774) *8.30 World Sports* (60132) **9.00** Prime Bodies (88584) **9.30** High Five (14497) **10.00** Sportsrats (31652) **10.30** The Big League (38377) **12.30pm** FA *Cup Special* (98478) *2.00 US PGA Golf* (696756) **5.00** Snowboarding (5871) **5.30** Trucks and Tractors (1738) **6.00** Soccer News (669300) **6.15** WWF (437774) **7.00** *Football: Arsenal v Millwall* (61688671) *10.15* Soccer News (158010) **10.30** The Football Quiz (85497) **11.00** Ringside (50229) **12.00-2.00am** Football (73879)

### EUROSPORT
**7.30am** Step Aerobics (75584) **8.00** Speedskating (52949) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (43497) **11.00** Ski Jumping (57132) **12.00** Rallying (95316) **1.00pm** Paris-Dakar Rally (55720) **1.30** Olympic Magazine (77792) *2.00 Cycling (34749) 3.00 Handball (85584)* **4.00** Eurofun (8010) **4.30** Tennis (79010) **6.30** Eurosport (6039) **7.00** Car Racing on Ice (3403) **7.30** Nascar (25671) **8.30** Rallying *(8958) 9.00 Boxing (74720) 10.00 Eurogoals* (84107) **11.00** Winter Olympics Preview (45720) **11.30** Rallying (28132) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport (55324)

### UK GOLD
**7.00am** The Sullivans (1524294) **7.30** Neighbours (1616229) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7465010) **8.30** EastEnders (7464381) **9.00** The Bill (7551861) **9.30** Nanny (6666213) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (6001768) **11.30** The Sullivans (7557126) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7475497) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9750942) **1.00** EastEnders (1523565) **1.30** The Bill (9759213) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (5301836) **2.30** Shelley (1752403) **3.00** Dallas (7551942) **4.00** The Colbys (7260720) **4.55** Blankety Blank (57006132) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (82501213) **5.55** Happy Ever After (1771519) **6.30** EastEnders (1671584) **7.00** Nanny (3146590) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width (5314300) **8.30** Shelley (5300107) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (3142774) **10.00** The Bill (7476126) **10.30** The Young Ones (2313565) **11.10** Top of the Pops (8534671) **11.45** Dr Who (5238519) ***12.15am** FILM: The Naked Spur (1953):* James Stewart plays a soldier turned bounty hunter (6417594) **1.50** Video Bites (3818256) **2.30-7.00** Night Shopping (3018324)

### CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
**6.00am** RatKan II (28749) **6.30** Spill and Hercules (48039) **7.00** Bears Island (3758720) **7.20** Dogtanian (865403) **7.45** Pugwall (865774) **8.15** Head to Head (8654836) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (46872) **9.00** Droibee (49768) **11.00** RatKan II (93381) **11.30** Spill and Hercules (94010) **12.00** Bears Island (8749655) **12.20pm** Dogtanian (8125861) **12.45** Pugwall (327855) **1.15** Head to Head (55838768) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (74010) **2.30** Cupido (1545958) **2.45** Babar (410519) **3.15** RatKan II (8408316) **3.20** Baby Follies (8754381) **3.35** Special Project (2620652) **3.40** Rude Dog (4777213) **3.55** Head to Head (8483768) **4.00** Chestnut Soldier (3584) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (9768)

### NICKELODEON
**7.00am** Dawn Patrol (69923) **7.30** Guts (51958) **8.00** Rugrats (69403) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (68774) **9.00** Out of Control (86126) **9.30** Kablooey (12039) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (38294) **10.30** We All Have Tales (75010) **11.00** Cartoons (66213) **11.30** Wild Side (67942) **12.00** Zany Adventures (62590) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (16855) **1.00** Storytime (68294) **1.30** Eureeka (30652) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (3132) **3.00** Zany Adventures (8768) *3.30 Speed Racer (8748)* **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1584) **4.30** Get the Picture (7768) **5.00** Clarissa (3213) **5.30** Guts (1720) **6.00** Rugrats (4861) **6.30-7.00** Animal Antics (2213)

### DISCOVERY
**4.00pm** Nature *by Profession (7641519)* **5.00** Treasure Hunters (5496958) **5.30** Terra X (1754861) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (4516923) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1486749) **7.00** Fastest Men (5303294) **7.30** Spirit of Survival (1698010) **8.00** Secret Intelligence (3057652) **9.00** Going Places (3140316) *10.00 Search for Adventure (3143403)* **11.00-12.00** Wild South (1531584)

### BRAVO
**12.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7460565) **12.30pm** FILM: The Duke Wore Jeans (1958, b/w): Tommy Steele courts a *princess (75245300)* **2.05** FILM: The Weak and the Wicked (1954, b/w): Prison drama with Glynis Johns (9789229) **3.45** 1954 Styles (14578942) **4.00** Flying Nun (1685923) **4.30** *My Three Sons* (1861107) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (5310584) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1758687) **6.00** I Spy (9833229) **7.00** Cannon (3148958) **8.00** FILM: As Long *as They're Happy (1955): Musical comedy* (59365861) **9.40** Art Linkletter (1446294) **10.00** FILM: Don't Ever Leave Me (1949, b/w): A girl falls for her kidnapper (1085871) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (2249756)

### UK LIVING
**7.00am** Living (3356403) **8.00** Health UK (9578294) **8.30** Rendezvous (9577565) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (7474229) **10.00** Dr Ruth (3765749) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (8305294) *11.30 Delia Smith* (3093720) **12.00** Stars and Signs (61375519) **12.15pm** Practical Living (86998710) **12.30** Divorce Court (6477497) **1.00** On the House *(7880229) 1.30 Rendezvous (6476768)* **2.00** Agony Hour (3768478) **3.00** Living (8086855) **3.45** Gladrags (36240039) **4.00** Definition (7253565) **4.30** Infatuation (7259749) **5.00** *Music Quest (5119958) 5.30 Fame and* Fortune (8687855) **5.45** Kilroy (4684010) **6.30** Ken Horn (7254294) **7.00** Definition (5026294) **7.30** That's Amore (7250478) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (5527478) *9.00* Once Again (1986): A rock star meets an old flame (40442300) **11.00** That's Amore (3017300) **11.00** Infatuation (3017300) **11.30** Infatuation (3850861) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3230411)

### FAMILY CHANNEL
**5.00pm** The Wonder Years (5213) **5.30** Zorro (3720) **6.00** Where I Live (6861) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (4213) **7.00** The Pyra*mid Game (2749)* **7.30** *All Clued Up (8887)* **8.00** Altogether Now (1497) **8.30** GP (6132) **9.00** Lou Grant (10590) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (18749) **10.30** Rhoda (27497) **11.00** Rem*ington Steele (58958) 12.00-1.00am The Big* Valley (19695)

### MTV
**6.00am** Wild Side (245045) **9.00** VJ Ingo (885107) **12.00** Greatest Hits (48478) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (949584) **3.30** The *Report (4853687)* **3.45** Movies (4776942) **4.00** News (7080590) **4.15** 3 from 1 (7907213) **4.30** Dial MTV (1126) **5.00** Hit List UK (23671) **7.00** Cokes on the Piste (4107) **7.30** Phil Collins (2855) **8.00** Music Non-Stop (36584) **9.00** Hits (16720) **10.00** The Report (982300) **10.15** Movies (967855) **10.30** News (898229) **10.45** 3 from 1 (713584) **11.00** Rock Block (71039) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (37701) **2.00** Night Videos (9489091)

### TV ASIA
**6.00am** Persian Dawn (11403) **7.00** Regional News (63836) **7.30** Asian Morning (75671) **8.00** Hindi News (36377) **8.30** Urdu News (1009774) **8.45** English News (1004229) **9.00** New Serial (24923) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (987519) **1.00pm** Serial (62107) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Dil Ek Mandir (791294) **4.30** *Kiddies (5294) 5.00-6.00 TVA and You* (4774) **7.00** Face to Face (2279) **7.30** BBCD (8497) **8.00** English News (349749) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Aangan Ki Kali (39495565) **11.15** *Cheena Mook (659229)* **12.05am** *Five Past* (2294343) **1.35** Sight and Sound (37793695)

### TNT
Tonight's Theme: Our Noir
**7.00pm The Lady in the Lake** (1946, b/w). Murder mystery with Raymond Chandler's hard-boiled detective (85727215)
**9.00 Jeopardy** (1953, b/w): Barbara Stanwyck tries to persuade a prisoner to save her drowning husband (93215213)
**10.20 Out of the Fog** (1941, b/w): A girl falls for a blackmailer (22998774)
**11.55 Rogue Cop** (1954, b/w): A policeman hunts his brother's killers (56422316)
**1.40am Beware, My Lovely** (1952, b/w) Widow Ida Lupino is stalked by a mad handyman. With Robert Ryan (30608121)
**3.05 Dangerous Partners** (1945, b/w): A hidden fortune comes to light after a plane crash (10849898) Ends at **4.30**

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MONDAY JANUARY 10 1994

BUSINESS EDITOR ROBERT BALLANTYNE

## Deal gives $100m to BCCI's creditors

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

CREDITORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International will have a further $100 million available for payments as a result of a complex deal between Abu Dhabi and US authorities that may lead to Saleh Naqvi, who was effectively BCCI's chief executive, facing trial in America.

The settlement, signed in Geneva, was reached with the ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, who controlled BCCI for more than a year before its closure by the Bank of England and bank regulators in six other countries.

The sheikh's family agreed to give up claims to $400 million that they had invested in First American Bank, in Washington, which was illegally owned by BCCI. In return, trustees for First American will drop a civil racketeering lawsuit against the sheikh claiming damages of $1.5 billion.

US investigators will be able to question Mr Naqvi, deputy to Aga Hasan Abedi, BCCI's founder. Mr Naqvi, indicted on fraud charges in the US, has been under house arrest in Abu Dhabi. It is understood that he may be extradited in spring for trial in the US.

The deal will help First American's trustees to sell it as a going concern. Abu Dhabi is waiving $230 million lent to the bank and a $90 million claim against it for money allegedly stolen from Abu Dhabi funds by BCCI. Proceeds of Abu Dhabi's 32 per cent holding, put at $100 million, will be made available for BCCI creditors, who saw a $1.7 billion compensation deal with Abu Dhabi rejected by a Luxembourg court in October.

The settlement will give the US access to thousands of BCCI documents flown out of London by Mr Naqvi just before the bank was seized. Abu Dhabi will gain access to American documents. US hopes of interviewing Mr Abedi, a Pakistani now living in Lahore, ended after he had a stroke. Abu Dhabi charged him with fraud on Saturday.

The deal should ease US relations with Sheikh Zayed, who leads the pro-Western United Arab Emirates. He put more than a billion dollars into BCCI after taking it over, but says that he was defrauded by Mr Abedi and Mr Naqvi. The racketeering lawsuit had alleged that the sheikh was active in the fraud.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Paul Newall, the Lord Mayor of London, makes friends with unicorn Claudia Sellars, seven, of Clapham, London, at a fancy dress party in Mansion House. She was one of 500 children and 300 more soberly dressed adults at the annual event hosted by the Lord Mayor on Saturday

## Training councils 'are wasting £250m a year'

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ **The National Audit Office is mounting an investigation into the finances of TECs. A new report says the councils will fail unless ministers act urgently to reform them**

THE Government's principal spending watchdog is to investigate the finances of Britain's Training and Enterprise Councils which today are identified in an authoritative study as wasting £250 million each year.

The report into official job-training in the UK, by a team from the London School of Economics, urges ministers to mount an "urgent" rescue of TECs in the next two to three years to stave off their failure.

The LSE study — the first independent, in-depth examination of the attempt to privatise, in part, job training in Britain — amounts to a searing indictment of the private sector-led bodies that now administer training in the UK; it claims some of the TECs' work practices, including staff training sessions which were really shopping trips, "amounted to public scandals".

The National Audit Office, the principal monitor of official spending, is to mount an examination of the finances of the 104 TECs and their equivalents in Scotland, Local Enterprise Companies (LECs), on which the Government currently spends about £2.3 billion annually.

The NAO confirmed to *The Times* that it had decided to investigate the TECs and LECs — claimed by ministers to be at the forefront of a revolution in British industrial training — and said that its officials would be studying closely today's LSE report. The NAO's report is expected later this year.

The LSE report identifies large-scale cost inefficiencies among the TECs. It notes that only a handful of TECs have "radically reformed" their structure and operations and that these are saving money, largely through cutting staff. For a TEC with an average budget of £20 million, the report says that this cost-cutting represents as much as £3 million, and it therefore concludes that "across the whole system of TECs in 1992-93 these efficiency losses would amount to a public sector deadweight burden of about £250 million".

The report says that TEC costs are often three to four times higher than comparable private-sector bodies such as chambers of commerce and enterprise agencies. Describing the "alarming cost-inefficiency" of TECs, it suggests that TECs' central management costs are 70 per cent higher than similar bodies. It also claims that no economic analysis of the cost-efficient size of each TEC was carried out, and describes this as "an amazing approach to follow".

Robert Bennett, the study's principal author, said that the wastage figures were an average estimate, and that for some TECs the inefficiency losses were even higher, with some central management costs up to 800 per cent more than comparative bodies.

The report mentions, for instance, "extensive 'Spanish work practices' that in some cases amounted to public scandals", citing as an example one Scottish LEC which has a long-standing practice of staff making monthly trips to Edinburgh and Glasgow for "relaxation training", on trips which the study says counted towards staff flexitime leave entitlement "and seemed to be mostly spent shopping".

Maintaining that TECs show "little hope of achieving the skills revolution that government sought", the LSE study says that "a rescue package is needed, and it is needed urgently" if TECs are to be prevented from being judged over the next two to three years as having failed.

The TECs have responded with an attack on the report. Edward Roberts, chairman of the TEC National Council, said that Professor Bennett had "totally misjudged" what was happening in TECs, which had been addressing for some time many of the issues raised in the study.

The Department of Employment said it was "disappointed" with the "negative" stance of the LSE's study, and claimed there were a number of aspects of TECs, including greater financial flexibility, it had not taken into account. The department stressed, though, that it closely monitored TECs' financial performance.

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## Consumers and small firms more confident

BY JANET BUSH AND ROSS TIEMAN

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, will return from a trade mission to the Far East this week just in time for a critical meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England on Wednesday to decide whether to make an early cut in interest rates.

Buoyant reports published on confidence among owner-managed firms and on the rise of consumer credit will provide further evidence that no immediate cut is needed. But if the Treasury wants to offset the effect on consumers of the Budget tax rises, the Bank will need to act this month if it is to affect annual interest adjustments on many mortgages.

Owner-managers of businesses, polled by Ernst & Young, the accountants, are generally optimistic about prospects for the coming year, with almost two-thirds (of 480) expecting to increase output over the next 12 months.

Among those expecting growth, expansion is anticipated to average 7.2 per cent and 44 per cent of those questioned expected to increase employment.

The soundings, in a sample where half the firms have sales between £5 million and £10 million a year, seems to suggest that Britain's second division companies now see themselves moving into a phase of vigorous growth. The prospect of increased recruitment will be especially welcome. Unemployment figures for December, expected on Wednesday, will show whether the downtrend in the number of jobless, now at 2.82 million, has continued.

The E&Y survey found that one third planned increased investment in technology, research and products as part of a considered expansion strategy. An increased marketing effort was planned by 19 per cent of firms, with a particular drive to increase exports, especially to non-EC countries.

Chris Harrison, who heads Ernst & Young's services to owner-managed companies, said: "Those businesses that have emerged from the recession are strongly growth-oriented."

British consumers also appear to have put aside the cautious instincts learned during the recession and borrowed heavily in November to finance Christmas spending, according to two reports published today.

Consumer credit jumped by 35 per cent in November compared with the same month in 1992, according to the Finance & Leasing Association. In the previous two or three months, year-on-year rises have been around 20 per cent, suggesting that November saw a marked acceleration of borrowing in what had already been a strongly rising trend. Consumer credit totalled £1.17 billion in November, an 8 per cent jump from the £1.08 billion recorded in October which the association described as the "sharpest monthly increase in consumer borrowing since the recession began".

Tony Mallin, chairman of the Association, said that the November figures suggest consumer confidence has returned and that this strong trend should have continued in December. However, he added that "it remains to be seen whether confidence is robust enough to withstand the delayed effects of the last two Budgets."

The Association also said that there was encouraging evidence on business finance with a 25 per cent increase to £911 million in November compared with a year ago. Its members finance over a quarter of all British fixed investment in plant and equipment.

Today's report also shows continuing recovery in the motor market, particularly on the business side. Motor finance to businesses increased by 69 per cent to £458 million compared with November, 1992, suggesting that companies are at last becoming confident enough to replace their fleets.

Infolink, the credit information organisation, confirms consumers' new propensity to finance spending through borrowing with substantial year-on-year rises in demand for credit in the home loans, retail and car loans sectors.

Brian Bailey, Infolink's chairman, said that this trend continued after the Budget. Credit enquiry levels for the first three weeks of December were up 10 per cent on the same period a year ago.

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## Pharmakopius to seek quote

PHARMAKOPIUS, an international specialist healthcare company providing a wide spectrum of drug development services, is planning to float on the stock market in the next three months, raising £5 million in the process (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Pharmakopius is expected to have a market capitalisation of £25 million. Dr Richard Smith, founder and chief executive, and his family, together with fellow directors and their families are retaining 70 per cent of the equity. The balance is expected to be held principally by institutional investors.

The company's clients include international companies such as Bayer, Roche Nicholas, Smith & Nephew and Wellcome. Pharmakopius is developing five products itself, including an anti-cancer compound, for all of which it has worldwide rights. The £5 million will help expansion and development of products. Allied Provincial Corporate Services are brokers and sponsors to the issue.



Smith: retaining equity

## LWT to emphasise potential

BY CARL MORTISHED

LWT Holdings will this week attempt to undermine the £700 million bid from Granada with estimates of a substantial rise in profits from the London Weekend Television franchise in 1993.

Weekend reports that LWT would announce a 30 per cent leap in profits to £40 million were described as "pure speculation" by Sir Christopher Bland, LWT's chairman.

But Sir Christopher last night said that the profit estimate, which must be published by Friday, would emphasis the potential of the business and reinforce LWT's arguments for independence.

"In LWT, we have a group of managers who own 10 per cent of the business and who don't want to shuffle off to the beach," he said. "We think it is far too early to get out of the sector."

Sir Christopher said that the high ratings of television shares would continue for some time. "It would be madness for shareholders to bail out at this stage," he said.

Granada said that even if LWT achieved £45 million profit, the bid would be worth 24 times earnings. If 1993 profits were £40 million, Granada's share offer would give an exit multiple of about 28 times, assuming Friday's paper bid value of 694p and an LWT tax charge of 36 per cent.

The market is speculating that Granada might sweeten the 528p alternative cash offer to tempt Warburg Pincus, the venture capital group that owns 7 per cent of LWT and may not wish to hold Granada shares in the long term.

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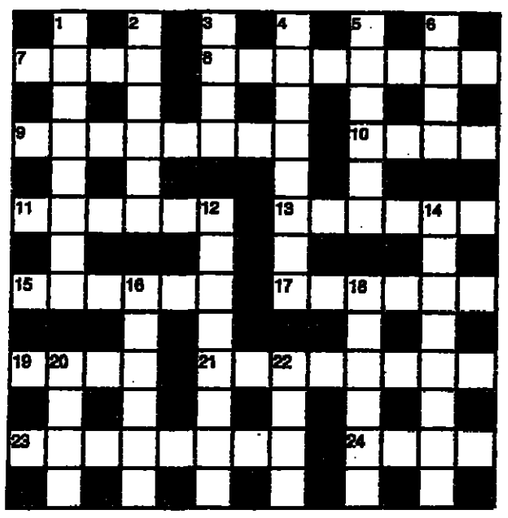
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8 Joky account of incident (8)
9 Tropical evergreen (4,4)
10 Starchy cereal for pudding (4)
11 Sworn at (6)
13 Wait for reply on phone (4,2)
15 Rat-catching pet (6)
17 Square cloth to protect eater (6)
19 Damage (4)
21 C American republic, capital Tegucigalpa (8)
23 Gentle version of baseball (8)
24 Peruvian narcotic plant (4)

DOWN

1 Foreword (8)
2 Universe (6)
3 Light: just (4)
4 TV money-raising extravaganza (8)
5 More likely than not (4,2)
6 Apply for new shares to sell profitably (4)
12 Low Country person (8)
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16 Far away (6)
18 Jump on (prey) (6)
20 On the summit of (4)
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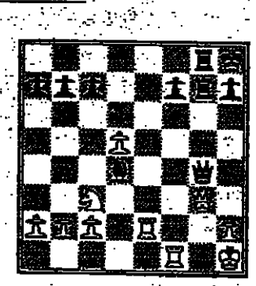
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### By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Hansen - Karker, Germany 1991. The white queen is single-handedly attempting to hold off the black battering ram on the g-file. Not surprisingly she fails. Black to play.



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### By Philip Howard

ABLACTATION
a. Weaning
b. Banishment
c. Lacking the colour black

BEDRID
a. Confined to bed
b. Accursed
c. Dried up, withered

VORAGO
a. A male harpy
b. A chasm
c. Insatiable hunger

WIS
a. To know
b. A mountain stream
c. Mistletoe

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